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President summons Shevardnadze to White House

Reagan talks tough in row over Daniloff

greater damage to superpower relations

 President Reagan remonstrated with Mr Shevardnadze about the detention

in Moscow of Nicholas Daniloff President Reagan unexpect-edly called Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet For-eign Minister, to the Oval Office yesterday to remonstrate forcefully about the

continued detention of the american journalist, Mr Nicholas Daniloff, on "trumped up" spying charges.
The unscheduled encounter came at the end of the opening session of two days of critical talks between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Shevardnadze, who are trying to avoid even who are trying to avoid even greater damage to superpower relations caused by the Daniloff affair,

The two ministers met with only their interpreters for nearly three hours while their respective delegations sat in an ante-room awaiting a plenary session. Mr Shultz then telephoned the white house and asked if Mr Reagan wanted to meet Mr Shevardnadze immediately.

The White House said Mr Reagan planned to give some "straight talk" on the Daniloff is resolved. case, and to underscore buman rights issues when be

◆ There is £12,000 to

be won today in The

Times Portfolio Gold

weekly prize and the

Yesterday's £4.000

prize was won outright

by Mr P Sloane, of

Farnborough, Hants.

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Loan rate

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Growing fears of higher in-

terest rates hit share prices on

the London stock market yes-

10.5 to 1,269.1, while the broader-based FT-SE 100 lost

Some City economists fear a

rise of up to I per cent in bank

base rates. The pound rose by the cent to \$1.4765 and just

over 1 pfennig to DM 2.94. Meanwhile, the price of gold

hit a four-year high, rising \$10.25 to \$430 an ounce.

Resign threat

Peter Rocbuck, the Somerset captain, has threatened to

resign from the club if the two

West Indians, Viv Richards

and Joel Garner, dismissed

last month, are reinstated.

Roebuck's move comes as

Somerset prepare to vote on

the issue at an extraordinary

by Roebuck

Market nerves, page 21 Market report, page 23

13.8 at 1,600.4.

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£4,000 daily.

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White House talks to try to prevent greater damage to superpower relations

Security Conference was furious about Washington press leaks

• Izvestia bitterly attacked Sir Gelffrey Howe for comparing the Daniloff affair with the Chernobyl disaster

resume early this morning. The stakes are immensely

high. The outcome could have

grave implications for broader East-West relations, including

crucial areas of arms control.

In important moves in the

past few days, the Administra-

tion has attempted to dem-

onstrate its readiness to be

flexibile in arms negotiations. First, it indicated that it may

be prepared to accept a Soviet

suggestion that only a token number of intermediate-range

missiles be kept in Enrope. The limit suggested by Moscow is far below earlier US

proposals to allow 420. me-

dium-range nuclear warheads.

The US is also believed to be

willing to make new proposals on strategic and space

Additionally, as arms talks

back away from a proposal for

an immediate 50 per cent cut in US and Soviet ballistic

From Christopher Thomas, Washington addresses the United Nations noon, with plans to continue General Assembly in New them over dinner and 10

York on Monday. He is now obviously determined to demonstrate a tougher stand in order to placate right-wing Republicans who have complained



Soviet Ambassador to the UN, condemning the US in New York yesterday.

tion is being outwitted by the Soviet Union; that the US is being too soft; and that it should abandon all discussion about a summit until the case

The Shultz-Shevardnadze talks resumed yesterday after-

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze (right), the Soviet Foreign Minister, arriving yesterday at Andrews Air Force Base to be met by the US Ambassador to Moscow, Mr Arthur Hartman.

Express trains in head-on crash

Two passenger express trains crashed head-on on the Liverpool to London main line near Rugeley. Staffordshire, last night.

At least one person was feared dead and many were trapped with serious injuries when the 5.20pm Liverpool to Euston and 4pm Euston-to Manchester trains collided at the village of Colwich. Fifty firemen in 10 appli-

resumed in Geneva on Thurs-day, some officials said the Administration has decided to ances rushed to the scene ofthe collision and began attempting to cut victimes. from the wreckage.

Continued on page 20, col 8 A fire brigade spokesman said: "There are a large numb ber of people with minor injuries, and an unspecified number with secious injuries, and there are people trapped."

TSB stags face fines By Richard Thomson

Banking Correspondent

Handreds of applicants for Trustee Savings Bank shares have been breaking the rules by sending in multiple applications and could face criminal prosecution with fines of up to £8,900.

Peat Marwick Mitchell, the accountant checking multiple applications on the £1.5 hillion issue, said yesterday that it expected to find hundreds more before the offer closes on September 24. The offer is expected to attract millions of applications after intense public interest.

"The miscreants are using all the combination of tricks accountants responsible for

Typical ruses include putting in applications for the dog, the cat and the goldfish, or using different addresses under the same name.

"But there are some simple ones," Mr Conway added. "One individual simply sent in two forms with the same name and address on each." The suspected cases will be investigated further by PMM when the flotation is completed, but the decision to prosecute lies with the bank

wanted because the Energy

Department would not like it.

make a statement following

tomorrow's Sunday Times ex-

Sir lan is even more critical

of senior officials at the coal

board's headquarters. He says

they objected deeply to his

chairmanship on both politi-

cal and personal grounds and

resented his intrusion into the

comfortable culture of their

His judgement of Mrs Mar-

well-ordered world".

tract from the book.

Mr Walker is expected to

Breakthrough for US scientists

Drug brings hope for Aids victims

Scientists working in 12 medical centres throughout the United States have reported a significant breakthrough in the treatment of the disease Aids

An experimental drug, azidothymidine, known as AZT, has had such dramatic success in trials at the 12 centres that the experimental programme is to be terminated. All eligible Aids patients will now be given the drug.

Public health officials and

representatives of the drug company that developed AZT emphasized yesterday that the new anti-viral agent did not

immediately offer help to all those dying of the disease. "AZT is not a cure for Aids. Although the study results show great promise for prolonging life, uncertainties igmain," Dr. Robert Windom of the National Institutes of Health said.

But the success of the trials is such that many doctors taking part raised ethical questions about whether it was from those patients receiving placebo tablets in the tests.

The trials have used patients with pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), one of the most common causes of death among people whose diseasefighting capacity has been

destroyed by the Aids virus. Since April 280 patients have received drugs from the research team at Burroughs-Wellcome, which is doing the development work, but 140 of them were a control group who received placebos. The lives of those treated with AZT have been prolonged

Now the drug will be made available, under clinical supervision, to all Aids patients suffering from PCP. Dr David Barry, vice-president for research at Burroughs, said. This is estimated to involve 6,000 people. As yet patients in whom Aids manifests itself in other ways, such as Kaposi's Sarcoma, n skin cancer, are not to be included.

Aids has been diagnosed in 24,000 Americans, about half

Drug guard

of whom have died. But scientists suspect that the virus now infects as many as two million people who have not yet displayed any symp-toms. Advances in treatment have been limited to dealing with the secondary diseases that Aids causes. The new drug is the first to deal with the Aids virus more directly.

The most recent research. which indicates that Aids may be a number of viruses workin combination, confirms that when it enters the body it seeks to inject itself into certain cells, chiefly the immune defence cells known as T cells. There it commandcers each cell's machinery to make copies of itself, eventually killing the cell. The copies then invade other cells.

AZT is a fraudulent thymidine which acts in a similar way. But its crucial difference is that it can link up at only one end of a genetic chain. When it is added to a lengthening chain of reproduction by the Aids virus it suddenly terminates the but to an earlier unmodified

legacy greater safety'

By Peter Davenport

Improved safety standards will be the legacy of the Manchester air disaster, Mr Colin Marshall, the chief executive of British Airways said vesterday at the end of the inquest on the 55 passengers and crew who died. British Airways had in-

troduced many of the changes of recommendation outlined during the 10-day inquest in Manchester, he said.

Mr Marshall was speaking after the jury had returned verdicts of accidental death on all 53 passengers and two stewardesses who died on on August 22 last year when smoke and flames engulfed n British Airtours Boeing 737

after a "catastrophic explosion" in the port engine. The Pratt and Whitney engine involved had been and still is regarded as one of the most reliable in the world. The rupture of a combustor can which triggered the events was

Mr Marshall added: "The coroner explained that the engine failure in the Manches-

ter accident was more than a

Reports, background Leading article

many millions to one chance." He added However, we have noted his statement that there is no blame that can be attached to anyone for the accident particularly with regard to the state of knowledge at that time. Mr Marshall outlined six changes made to the fleets of British Airways aad its subsidiary British

Airtonrs: • Replacement combustion chambers on Boeing 737 aircraft are all new units.

 Pilots will stop aircraft on the runway to assess a problem, rather than attempt to pull clear. Pilots have also been told to take into consideration any wind and its possible effect on a fire. Modifications have been made to doors to make sure

the jamming which occurred at Manchester cannot happen

 British Airways engineers have pioneered methods of examining combustion chambers on Boeing 737s using Xray and Boroscope tests.

• The airline was the first to order fire-blocking fabric for aircraft seats.

• The airline is continuing to work for a design for passenger smoke hoods.

During the inquest evidence was given that Pratt & Whitney, the engine makers, had issued letters about possible problems in the combustion chambers of the JT8D. Airline officials told the coroner that they had believed those letters referred not to their engines version.

Accident Next week

EXCLUSIVE My fight

against Militant: by Robert Kilroy-Silk



Starting on Monday, The Times carries the first authentic account of how the Militant Tendency tried to oust Robert Kilroy-Silk from his safe Labour constituency. Day by day, his

diary shows: how a fellow MP

offered him the option of standing down or being blacklisted

how Militant set out to take control by packing committees

how his supporters faced physical intimidation

how he felt betrayed by **Parliamentary** colleagues

how he reached the decision to resign his seat



It is Kilroy-Silk's own, intimate diary of the plotting, the threats and the patronage that gave Militant the run of Merseyside politics

All next week in The Times

US envoy furious over talks leaks

blighted the final day of the stockholm Security Conference yesterday as the fine bad control over their

West agreement since the signwas being worked out. Mr Robert Barry, head of the United States delegation, was furious about press leaks in Washington on US conces-

a negotiator than to see his instructions published in the newspapers before he gets them. I am madder than hell and that is very much on the record," Mr Barry said.

His mood was in contrast to that of the head of the Soviet delegation, Mr Oleg Grinevsky, who swapped jokes with journalists before rejoining last minute negotiations. Mr Grinevsky referred to

disputes over Western inspection of military activities m the Soviet Union and asked: "What difference does it make if the inspectors use a Volga or a Land-Rover". He said he expected remain-

ing problems to be solved and for the conference to finish on time. The US was reported to have agreed to a compromise on the issue of aircraft to be used by inspectors of military

activity.
Mr Barry's position, as re-

By a Staff Reporter

ergy Secretary, has been ac-

cused by Sir Ian MacGregor.

the former chairman of the.

National Coal Board, of ac-

tions during the 1984 coal

strike that might have pro-

Mr Peter Walker, the En-

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm Acrimony unexpectedly being inspected could supply

print to the first major East- navigation. This would allay US fears that inspectors would be shown only what the Russians wanted them to see in flights over Soviet territory. The other issue hindering

an agreement as yesterday's sions, which he said had unmidnight deadline approachdermined his negotiations. ed was the size of military "There is nothing worse for manoeuvres that should be notified in advance. -Soviet Union appeared willing to drop its previous insist-

ence on a ceiling of participation by 16,000 troops and was said to be approaching the 10,000 figure suggested by the This is a delicate issue,"

to find a solution. We have every possibility of finishing this conference on time."

smiling mischieviously.

said a smiling Mr Grinevsky, you can think of for disguising multiple applications," said Mr James Conway, one of the "but I don't see it as catastrophic. I believe we will be able investigating suspects.

He said the expulsion of Soviet diplomats from the US had not created a favourable atmosphere nt Stockholm. But here we have the goodwill of the Europeans," he said

The Stockholm agreement will aim at lessening the risk of war in Europe. Its major achievement is that the Soviet Union has agreed for the first time to allow Western inspecported in Washington the day before, was now that the state check on military activity. tors onto its territory to keep

Walker accused over coal strike

disappointed when he suc-ceeded Mr Nigel Lawson, now Chancellor of the Exchequer.

as Energy Secretary in June

He and Mr Lawson "shared

the same views", says Sir Ian, whereas he and Mr Walker

had a "somewhat different

board chairman came to re-

gard Mr Walker as a minister

who agonised over strategic

and tactical details and paid

undue deference to his depart-

The result was the coal

political stance".

mental officials.

on Paris protests

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

Chirac puts ban

trip to Indonesia last night and went to discuss with top Ministers the spate of bomb attacks in the French capital which began a fortnight ago. In a deliberate display of national unity in the face of the crisis, M Chirac earlier

called in the leaders of the five main political parties to dis-cuss the Government's antiterrorist plans.

Following the separate meetings. M Jean-Marie le Pen, leader of the extreme right-wing National Front Party, said M Chirac had told tions are to be banned.

public demonstration next

him that all public demonstra-M le Pen had planned a

Monday to protest against the terrorist bombings.

Meanwhile,new "wanted" posters were circulated to police forces throughout

President Mitterrand of Abdullah, imprisoned leader France was greeted by M of the Lebanese Armed Jacques Chirac, the Prime Revolutionary Faction, and of Minister, on his return from a five other members of the terrorisi group, which is be-lieved to be behind the recent spare of Paris bombings. They are named as: Mau-

rice, Emile, Robert and Joseph Ibrahim Abdullah; Salim al-Khoury; and four women -Jacqueline Esber, Caroline Esber al-Bitar, Fayrouz Fayeh Daber and Ferial Daber. A Beirut-based terrorist

group, calling itself the Anti-Imperialist International Brigades, has claimed responsi-bility for the assassination of the French military attache in Beirut on Thursday. In a message to offices of the

Agence France-Presse news agency, the group said: "All French diplomats will be our revolutionaries' target until Warouian Garbidjian, Georges Ibrahim Abdullah and Anis Naccache and their comrades are released. "The fate of Mitterrand and

Chirac will be the same as that of the military attache

Argentinian to Falklands for son's funeral

The father of an Argentinian airman killed in the Falklands war is to be allowed to attend his son's funeral in the Falklands, the Foreign Office announced last night.

He may be the first Argentinian to set font on the NAME islands since they were invaded in 1982. Flight Lieutenant Miguel Giminez's body was discovered in his crashed Pucara fighter on Blue Mountain at the end of

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France yesterday, bearing the photographs of four of the Sir Ian claims that be was garet Thatcher, however, is approach to the year-long dispute in bitter terms and told regularly that he could one of almost unqualified makes it clear that be was not do things the way he approval brothers of Georges Ibrahim Rabies squads guard Channel Tunnel

By Hugh Clayton

Environment Correspondent Rateatchers may have lo to-day living expenses even patrol the Channel Tunnel as parrol the Channer Tunner as part of a "disinfestation programme", to prevent ra-hies from escaping from the Continent to Britain. The Ministry of Agriculture would give no explanation yesterday about the "special hunting/retrieving procedures mentioned in a list of

possible rabies controls for the It would confirm only that English shire authorities, hounds would not be used to including Kent, where the

catch any foxes that managed tunnel will start. Its letter to to elude the traps, boundary the association said the confences and electrified mesh trols were being "closely being considered for the tun- examined in conjunction nel entrances.

"Disinfestation", of a kind which the ministry declined to describe, would also be used to clear the tunnel of any bats elaborate controls being which mistook it for a cave. suitable for hibernation. The control measures were was clear that the Govern-listed by the Ministry in a ment also wanted to make which represents almost all

with the ministry and other experts," and that they would not all be used at once.

The letter showed that the considered went beyond just keeping wild animals at bay. It letter to the all-party Association of County Councils, not discard half-eaten food or unwanted pets into the darkness of the tunnel.

parts of the world free of the rabies virus, which can be carried by many mammals. The disease is moving slowly across north-eastern France Pets and farm animals are

not vaccinated against the disease and are therefore permanently at risk from it. infection leads in bumans to an agonizing death unless complicated treatment begins almost immediately. According to ministry plans, animals that stray near the tunnel entrances may face tall fences

with underground barriers Britain is one of the few against burrowing.

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longed the strike. general meeting. The charge is made in Sir lan's forthcoming book The Enemies Within, the first Funeral plea extract of which will be pub-Two thousand mourners who lished in The Sunday Times packed the Holy Cross Cathoiomorrow. lic Church at Ardoyne for the He describes Mr Walker's funeral of Mr Raymond Mooncy, aged 32, the lay worker shot by masked men on Tuesday, heard a peace appeal by the Catholic Bishop of Down and Conor.

> Spend today A pension can be used for day-

before retirement

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the flames and smoke at the

pilots' instructions on dealing

with emergencies have been

changed in the wake of the

disaster and new maintenance

and engine checking tech-niques have been adopted by

Earlier, during the hearing the jury was told of delays in the opening of exit doors, of

water hydrants found to be

dry on the airfield and of

confusion about procedures for escorting outside fire appli-

ances on to the airfield. But

yesterday 'Mr Gorodkin said

that none of these had contrib-uted to the loss of life. A senior

RAF pathologist had told the

inquest that all those who died

were either dead or irretriev-ably poisoned by cyanide and

carbon monoxide fumes or

from the effects of intense heat

within two minutes. He said that the inquiry had

provided two fundamental

and the aircraft industry were

now more aware of the effects of even a slight wind on a fire

on board an aircraft and,

secondly, that emergency exit

routes must be made more

Officials of the Civil Avi-

ation Authority listed 12 les-

sons that had been learnt from

a so far incomplete inquiry by

Mr Leonard Gorodkin: no-

body to blame.

Branch of the Department of Transport. Smoke hoods and

better emergency exits are

did not propose to make any

recommendations because all

in court and aware of the

He again praised the actions

all those involved with the

Accident Investigation

ssons; first, that the pilots

British Airways.

The inquest beard that

Safer air travel for millions of passengers will be the nument to the memory of the 55 victims of the Manchester air disaster, the coroner no conducted the inquest said yesterday. Mr Leonard Gorodkin said that as a result of the disaster, improvements in safety standards are being made. He described the incident as a combination of events coming together at odds of many millions to one against and for which nobody

Mr Gorodkin made his comments to survivors and the relatives of some of the victims after the jury at Man-chester had returned verdicts of accidental death on the 53 passengers and two stewardesses who died when smoke and flames engulfed the British Airtours Boeing 737 on August 22 last year.

He said: "As a result of these inquiries, there are improvements being made vithin the industry and I hope it will make it safer for all of us to travel. Increased safety can be a monument for the memory of the death of your loved

He said that those who survived should have no feel-ings of guilt about escaping trapped in dense, choking ings of guilt about escaping when others died. The prime instinct, he said, was to survive and he was certain no one had done so at the expense of

passengers and crew from the For some of these surviving Corfu, a fire alarm in the middle of yesterday's proceedings was an uncomfortable experience.

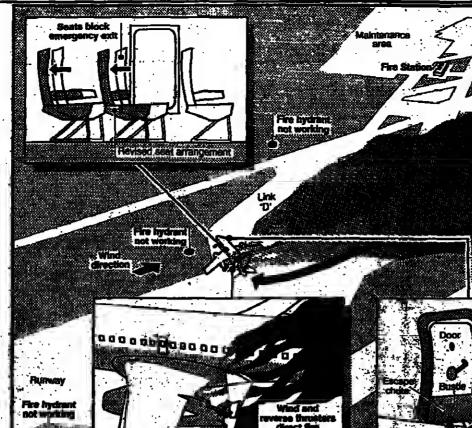
The court in Manchester Town Hall had to be moved out after a smoke detector on the roof was set off. During the 10 days of evidence from 68 witnesses, the jury heard a detailed account of the last seconds of

the holiday flight and the

investigation that followed. The aircraft had been cleared for take-off shortly after 7am and was accelerating towards lift-off when a combuster can in the port wing Pratt and Whitney JT8D engine, regarded as one of the most reliable in the world, ruptured, triggering a series of events that led to an explosion and fire that rapidly engulfed among the proposals being the aircraft.

shattered an under-wing access panel allowing hundreds of gallons of aviation fuel to the relevant authorities were spray on to the hot engine.

Mr Peter Terrington, the captain, at first believed the sound he had heard was a tyre of the cabin crew who surbursting. He ordered a stop to vived and helped passengers the take-off and, in accordance to escape and the firemen who with guidance in operation at tackled the fire. He said that the time taxied off the runway. However, that caused his incident on that day had acted aircraft to come to a halt in a correctly. partial crosswind thus driving



Flight to disaster: How the accident overtook the holiday jet on the Manchester runway - where the hydrants ran dry, the way in which the aircraft turned, how the wind directed flames at the fuselage, and how the exit door lammed.

raised by the jury

The jury made the following • Discontinuing the use of repaired combuster cans in repaired combuster cans in aircraft eagines. British Airways has already introduced that policy change.

The automatic replacement

of engine cans at the end of a period considered to be safe. • Pratt & Whitney and other engine manufacturers should advisory and warning letters about possible problems to nperators to avoid misunderstandings. The inquest was told that

British Airways had thought that letters about possible problems on the JT8D referred only to earlier, unmodi-fied engine models which were not fitted on their fleet. • The aircraft design should be changed so that over-win exits open outwards rather than into the cabin: • Consideration should

given to a suggestion by the Accident Investigation Branch for the complete removal of all seats in row 10 on Boeing 737s Green pound gain

he Government has decid

to seek a partial devaluation of

the green pound, the exchange

rate that underpins the prices

which British farmers receive

for their produce.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday that the Government

would be seeking a 6 per cent

adjustment for beef and a 2

Mr Simon Gourlay, presi-

per cent adjustment for other

livestock products.

Leading article, page 9 dent of the National Farmers'

for beef farmers

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

After weeks of prevarication Union, welcomed the de-

Five points Scientists rebuild wreckage to learn lessons from blaze would cause even greater Farnborough, through the problems in flight. Scientists at the Departproblems in flight. The suggestion of taking

away an entire row of seats

alongside the exit - at first

sight again eminently sen-sible—is one that the sci-entists at Farnborough have

studied in detail and rejected.

The reason is that if an entire row of seats is removed

it will provide room for two

files of people to get to the door together. Yet the door is

wide enough for only one person. There would, there-

fore, be a iam as people fought

to get out together. Instead, the Civil Aviation

Authority, after the recom-

mendations already made to

them from the team of six at

ment of Trade's Accident Investigation Branch at Farn-borough, Hampshire, are sceptical about introducing the recommendations made by the jury in the Manchester inquest.

They are compiling n detailed technical report into the accident which will contain proposals for preventing such an accident from happening

But it will be months before it is completed and, although the jury's views will be studied, it is unlikely that any of them will be put into practical

For example, endless tests have shown that only by having a door that opens inwards can the fuscinge strength of the aircraft be maintained near the middle. An outwardly opening door pressurization increases. At first sight it seems straightforward to change this

around. But in practice it

cision, but added that

'Green" currencies are an

invention of the EEC common

agricultural policy and are

intended to prevent farm ex-

ports from any member coun-try from benefiting excessively from a real fall in the exchange

value of that country's

was devised by the West

German government in the

Greens to

plot their

strategy

The Green Party began its annual conference at New-

castle upon Tyne yesterday by

discussing how to strike at the

heart of the main political

parties at the next general

The party is planning to put up 150 candidates, compared

with 109 at the last genera

election, at a cost of £200,000,

raised partly from its 6,000

members - although there

are plans to approach workers'

co-operatives, and "green-style" industries for help.

At the last election, all 109

candidates lost their deposits.

Since then the percentage of the vote needed to keep a

deposit has been lowered to

five, but the deposit itself has

At this year's local elections

the Green Party gained two

risen to £500.

early days of the EEC.

The green currency system

adjustment was small.

Farnborough; asked for the gap between the seats to be The gap was deliberately set at a distance that would allow one single file of people to reach the door thus allowing

non-stop jumping out. British Airways has stopped renaired combustion New the team at

Transport, must persuade the Federal Aviation Administration in the United States to force every airline using those engines to do the same.

To help the team, under Mr Dave King, princial inspec-tor, is the wreckage from the site of the fire. The remains were transported from Manchester to Farnborough and then painstakingly rebuilt That is particularly helpful-

in examining the position of the thrust reversers which, it is thought, may have helped to direct the flames towards the The experts are also subject-

ing the engine to every pos-sible metallurgical test

Key changes to the design of the aircraft and to evacuation practices have been made, with exit seat widening, monitoring of engines, modifications of the emergency chutes, fire-resistant seats, floor emergency lighting and smoke detectors in the lavatories

ing all forms of the disease and

many more tests on its safety

and efficacy will be required

erally available.

before it could become gen-

A second set of trials is being prepared in the United

States and the company is

setting up a similar series of

tests to be carried out simulta-

neously in several European

Some patients in Britain are

likely to be involved in the

tests, which could begin early

Several countries need to be

involved because the trials

require large numbers of

The Wellcome Foundation.

the British parent company of

Burroughs Wellcome, said last

night: "The tests among pa-

tients in Europe will not be identical to those conducted

"It is difficult to say which

category of Aids patients are most likely to be involved.

"Supplies of the drug are at the moment very limited and.

in the United States.

Drug guards cells from Aids virus

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The new drug which ap-likely to be suitable for treatpears to help to keep Aids victims alive works by offering protection to the cells that the virus attacks and destroys.

Scientists found in laboratory tests last year that the drug had the ability to hinder multiplication of the virus by blocking reproduction of its genetic material.

The results of the first tests of the drug, azidothymidine, known as AZT, involving natients, in America bave strongly supported that ev-

next year. The encouraging outcome means that many more American patients will be given the treatment in further trials, and that some British patients. nationts are likely to be mcluded, probably early next

The drug has been devel-oped in the United States by the British-owned pharmaccurical company, Burroughs Wellcome, using some of the expertise that led it to the first successful treatment for herpes viral infections.

compound on Aids sufferers last year showed that it pro-tected T-cells, the body's main line of defence, from being

The earliest tests of the

power that gives the disease the description of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome. But the cells died when the drug was withdrawn, indicating that life-long treatment

would be necessary

although we are working hard to scale up production, it will be restricted to use in clinical evaluation." It is the virus's destructive

The American tests showed that the drug could produce side effects such as anaemia, and only those patients who are considered to be able to

tolerate those side effects are

likely to be offered

NGA unresolved on Wapping vote

Mr Hughes said yesterday short-term nttitu that he believed it reflected "a British economy.

Alliance defence

split reopened

by Liberal MPs

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff A group of Liberal MPs strong tide of opinion" within

forced open the split on Alliance defence policy yes-

terday by releasing a docu-ment re-emphasizing the

party's commitment to uniateral disarmament.

The document will embar-

rass party managers as it comes out less than two days

before the start of the Liberals'

annual assembly in East-

It will also anger SDP chiefs who thought they had succeeded at Harrogate in pacifying the objections of most Liberals to Dr David Owen's

Liberals to Dr David Owen's firm stance on the replacement of Polaris while winning support for their leader.

But the publication could also backfire on the unilateralist element, which is becoming increasingly isolated within the party.

Mr Simon Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, and Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP for Leeds West, wrote Across the Divide: Lib-

wrote Across the Divide: Lib-eral Values for Defence and

Disarmament with members of the National League of

oung Liberals and the Union

of Liberal Students.

the party and would make a "valuable contribution" to

Most of the document is made up of general statements on aims for Liberal disarma-

But it also says: "In solely

British terms, replacing Po-laris with Trident would

clearly be an escalation in the

level of our nuclear capability and, hence, lotally nn-

British companies should

have to say how much they spend on research und development and explain

their long-term investment policy (Martin Fletcher

The clearing banks should also have to declare their

investment policy and loan maturity schedule, while life

insurance companies and pen-sion funds should disclose

what proportion of their investments they had held.

These were among pro-posals announced yesterday by the Liberal spokesman on

trade, Mr Paddy Ashdown, and by the former party president, Mr Richard Holme,

designed to tackle what they describe as deeply damaging short-term utilities in the

acceptable."

next week's debates.

ment and defence policies.

Association yesterday post-poned until next week a deision on whether to ballot their members on the final offer made by News Inter-national to settle the eight-mouth Wapping dispute.

The executive did not for-

nally discuss a recom FOC's (union branch ficials), formerly employed by the company, that ballot forms be sent out with a recom-mendation to reject the offer. All unions involved in the dispute, which concerns 5,500 dispute, which concerns spoor print workers who were dismissed after taking strike action, have been told by the company "this offer will be treated as made to a union only if that inion agrees to recomif fluit milion agrees to recom-mend acceptance of the offer.

The biggest print mion, Sogat 82, has already decided to ballot members on the offer, which lapses unless it is accepted by October 8. So far, the union has not formally recommended the offer to members but will circulate all

The executive committee of Speaking from New York the National Graphical last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, Association yesterday post- who led the News International negotiating team. terms were "the best, last and

precess the state of the state

He added: "The pre requisite that the offer will have to be recommended by the unions to their members or be withdrawn, still stands. • Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, the EETPU, yesterday cut short a six-day visit to Norway and returned to London after accusing his hosts of being "craven and giving in to blackmail".

Mr Hammond, who was to have delivered the fraternal address to the Norwegian electrical workers' conference, had to endure, as he entered the hall in Oslo, a crowd of jeering print workers, support-ing dismissed News International print workers whose jobs his members are accused

pected another demonstration during his address and with-drew the invitation.

Hattersley challenge on taxes

members with the company's detailed terms.

By Martin Fletcher Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour shadow Chancellor, liit back yesterday at Tory criticism of his tax and social security programme, accusing Mr Nigel Lawson of being the "invisible Chancellor" until the tax benefits of the superrich were threatened.

On Thursday night Mr Lawson had claimed that Labour's tax proposals, unveiled that day, would put up tax for those earning more than £500 a week to at least 70 per cent - affecting more than a million people.

But in a stinging riposte yesterday, Mr Hattersley accused Mr Lawson of "springing to the defence" of a tiny minority of taxpayers who had received tax handouts totalling £3.6 billion under the present Government, but of ignoring the £32 billion in extra taxes paid by the remainder.

He challenged Mr Lawson to say how he will reduce a long-term unemployment fig-nre now greater than the total unemployment figure of 1979, how he intends to remedy record unemployment queues, and how he intends to help the 10 million people now living in poverty.

Salisbury Plain oil leakage

By A Staff Reporter

Water board engineers were checking pollution damage after more than 6,000 gallons of light fuel oil leaked on Salisbury Plain yesterday in a pipeline accident.

Firemen fought for 90 minutes to repair a fracture in the Esso pipeline from Southampton to Avonmouth, at Gore Cross near the village of West Lavington, Wiltshire.

The accident happened when engineers from Wessex Water Authority, laying an Igin supply main, struck the oil pipeline about 8ft deep and caused a 6in rupture which gushed oil for nearly two hours before the flow could be stopped.

Most of the oil leaked into the trench before disappearing into the subsoil but a spokesman for the water anthority said water supplies should not

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Hurd to change prison disciplinary process

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Corresp

with serious disciplinary introduced by the Home Secretary, Mr Dougles Hurd. The task will be removed from the boards of visitors, but they will continue to act as the pablic's watchdogs.

Mr Hard intends to create

for each prison a panel of lay adjudicators who will function alongside, but separately from, the board of visitors. Members of the boards will be able to serve as members of the one body or the other, but not both. Members of the adjudicatory panel will be able to serve in more than one

Mr Hurd believes that

task competently, but he for persuasive the argument that their adjudicatory functions "I have been particularly

conscious that this fission will enable members of boards of visitors to focus and concentrate on what I have always regarded, and what I know many of you regard, as your primary task, that of being the public's watchdog over what goes on in prisons", he told the innual conference of the Prison Boards of Visitors at

Nottingham yesterday.

Mr Hurd hopes to use the Criminal Justice Bill, expected in the next session, to

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Government to act after three social workers die

After the deaths of three by the Association of Direcsocial workers in the past 18 months the Government is to call a conference on the safety of social service department

In addition the Association of Directors of Social Services is to produce guidelines which all local authorities could follow and set up a working party to collect information on the problem.

The death of the Bexhill Betteridge, at the hands of her client's boy friend last month has provoked widespread con-cern among social service departments for the safety of

their staff. At the Social Services Directors annual conference in Cardiff yesterday, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced that the Government conference would bring together managers and staff from the NHS, social security and per-

sonal social services.
"We have a responsibility to the caring profession to ensure that they have the best available protection. Those who help the public are entitled to help from the public. The community has a duty to protect those who serve it."

Mr Fowler said The problem was found throughout the caring services, particularly in accident and emergency departments and psychiatric wards, he said. "The Government fully recognizes the importance of combating violence against stuff, whatever their

occupation."

He emphasized the need for greater security in all healthservice premises and said the Department of Health aimed to train social security staff to identify potentially violent situations and to take steps to prevent assault,

The guidelines announced

Japanese press for new TV

Japan is refusing to admit defeat in its battle to introduce

At the International Broadcasting Convention in Brighton yesterday, the Japanese took over a cinema to show a 30-minute programme produced using a technique called High Definition Tele vision (HDTV). While conventional European television uses 625 horizontal lines to make up a picture, the Japanese systems use 1,250 lines, producing images that are

noticeable sharper. The Japanese demonstra-tion was a clear signal to European broadcasters that Japan has not been scared off by the efforts of European broadcasting nuthorities to stop HDTV from being adopted as a worldwide standard. Europeans fear that acceptance of HDTV would permit Japan to dominate the luture market.

 The Government has approved a BBC-developed system of stereo television. The first stereo transmissions are expected to start within two

Stcreo television receivers are expected to cost about £100 more than current sets.

London judges asked to

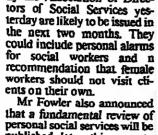
work overtime Judges ni the Central Criminal Court in London are being asked to work overtime

to cut the growing backlog of cases awaiting trial.

From October 6 the court's 20 judges will be expected to sit from 10am until 5pm, an

extra hour and a half each day. There are 1,200 cases await ing hearing, an unacceptable level, according to a court

ufficial. The extra work the judges are being asked to undertake is part of a London-wide crown court "blitz" to reduce the



that a fundamental review of personal social services will be published later this year to complement initiatives alsocial worker, Frances ready undertaken in social security and primary health care. The Green Paper ini-tially promised in 1984 would appear in the next few months, he said. Mr Fowler emphasized that

the new document would need to take into account proposals in the Social Security Act passed in July and the White Paper on primary health care now under discussion. But he dismissed speculation that the Green Paper would include compulsory tendering of local authority ancillary services, meals-on-wheels or domicili-ary services, following similar moyes in the health service. "This is not something under consideration," Mr Fowler said. He made it clear that the Green Paper would put further emphasis on community care, a responsibility shared by health, social security and personal social services. Community care policies had already significantly improved the lives of many people who would otherwise have spent years in institu-tions cut off from normal

The number of children in long-stay hospitals had dropped from 7,100 in 1969 to 590 in 1985.

Mr Fowler also reassured social workers that resources would be provided to retain the present level of social

Paris trips cancelled by British

Travel agencies yesterday reported a 20 per cent drop in a new kind of television to tourism to Paris as hundreds
Europe which is claimed to of travellers cancelled plans to offer the possibility of cinema- visit the French capital, after

Agency spokesmen in Lon-don complained of cancellations and 2 sharp drop in bookings after Wednesday's blast, in which five people were killed and 61 injured. But several travel agencies said the majority of bolidaymakers are

still travelling to Paris.

Ten people have died and more than 250 have been injured in the 12 bomh attacks carried out in Paris and on the Paris-Lyons express train in

A London-based French travel agency reported that about 25 per cent of tourists, who were set to visit Paris in the next fortnight, have cancelled their bookings in the past few days.

A spokesman said that several people, who telephoned to cancel their reservations, asked to be booked into other French resorts while some postponed their holiday plans.

makers gave the recent spate of bomh explosions in Paris as the reason for changing their A spokesman for the Air Travel Advisory Burean said that there had been n decline

in the number of calls from people inquiring about trips to Paris in the past week. "People have become wary

of going to Paris for the weekend," he said. The London office of an American agency, however, reported no cancellations in the past two weeks.

And, a spokeswoman for the French Embassy in London, confirmed a steep increase in visa applications.

"We now require tourists from all countries - except the 11 EEC countries and Switzerland - to obtain visas to visit France. That has naturally caused n flood of Americans," she said.

French security, page 5

parents were so impretely limit a car and invited by limit back again, she said.



The Princess of Wales with Commander Toby Elliott, on the conning tower of the nuclear powered submarine, HMS Trafalgar, last month. The royal visit is one of the highlights of In Private, In Public: The Prince and Princess of Wales, an ITN programme, being shown tomorrow and Monday (Photograph: Tim Graham / ITN).

Four jailed for savage attack

Three youths who carried out a "brutal and savage attack" on a young British Transport policeman were sentenced to eight years' youth custody yesterday. A fourth, who is 21, was sent to prison for eight years

for eight years.
The four were all convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent toPolice Constable Neil Harvey, aged 28. He suffered multiple skull and facial fractures after the attack and had to be put on a life support machine.

The four youths were all cleared after a 13-day trial of attempted murder and of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to resist arrest.

The four were: Alan Richardson, aged 19, and his brother Colin, aged 18, both of Beeston Road, Nottingham; David James, aged 21, who was jailed, and John Melnichenko, aged 19, both of Gregory Street, Lenton, Not-

Mr Brian Appleby, QC, for the prosecution, said that PC Harvey, married with a young son, was attacked while on early morning patrol in Castle Meadow Road, Nottingbam, The youths were told by Mr Justice Tucker at Nottingham Crown Court: "This was a

brutal and sustained nttack". All four youths pleaded not visit the French capital, after guilty to all three charges.

They claimed that they made false confessions under police | Mr O'Connor with caution,

Acid rain

35 years to end pollution By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Britain's share of acid rain London conference organized from power stations will dwin-dle almost to nothing in the next 35 years, Lord Marshall by the National Society for Clean Air, that elimination of acid from soil and fresh water of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating would take a long time and that acid rain originating from Board, predicted yesterday.

power stations was not the only cause of damage.

"People in Scandinavia have told me that it is not the "After the turn of the century our existing stations will be replaced by new stations that do not emit sulphur," he ncidic deluge that is killing trees," Mr Waldegrave said. Mr William Waldegrave, a "It is something much more complicated than that." Minister of State at the Department of the Environ-

Lord Marshall said that recent research had supported early board scepticism about the extent of acid rain damage and the size of Britain's share of it. He conceded that acid rain falling on acid soil killed

links claimed between acid rain and damage to trees in Scandinavia But there might be a link

fish, but was sceptical about

between ozone and damage to trees. "We do not regard that as proven," he said. We notice the possibility that acid mist might be a culprit, and we are suspending judgement on that." Once the culprit was found, Lord Marshall added, the soil acid would not dwindle

quickly.
"Sniphur has been building
up in the soil for decades, or
even centuries. What we have

to face now is that the acidity might take decades to leach

A police officer explained at the Central Criminal Court yesterday why he continued to using his services. "run" an IRA informer al-On trial is Thomas Maguire, though the material he was aged 27, who, according to Mr passing on contained lies. Det Supt Alan Law, head of O'Connor, the main prosecution witness, acted as go-between in a plot to blow up the Eagle and Child Inn, used

Lancashire Special Branch, told the jury: "We do not look a gift horse in the mouth. Informers in the IRA are very Mr Law said he also became

ment, said that it was tech-

nically possible to conquer acid rain and the damage it caused. There is light at the

end of the tunnel on this." Both men emphasized, at n

explained.

aware that Raymond O'Connor, aged 50, a penty criminal, was "given to drink".

But although they treated neither his drinking nor his 15

Mr Maguire pleads not guilty to conspiring between January 1922 and April 1983 with Patrick Magee, Patrick Murray and others to cause an

Weeton, Blackpoool.

explosion in the United

Mr Law, who was being Monday.

convictions deterred the cross-examined by Mr Mi-nudercover officers from chael Mansfield, for the defence, denied his department would go "to almost any length" to get information

from people who claimed to be inside the IRA. He rejected Mr Mansfield's suggestion that he would push hy soldiers and their families people very hard to get information about Irish terfrom the Army camp at rorists. "I would spend time with them and encourage

them," he said. Mr O'Connor was a "walkin" who had taken the initiative and approached the

police. The hearing continues on | from

Women to keep up chain vigil at dump

By Trudi McIntosh A group of Lincolnshire housewives said yesterday

they will remain chained to a tractor blocking the main entrance to the proposed nuclear waste site at Fulbeck until police unpadlock them. One of the protesters, Mrs Rachel Toyne, aged 21, from Welbourne, who is six months pregnant, said she had volunteered to help to maintain a

delay test drilling equipment being delivered to the site. She said she will remain chained to the tractor at least seven hours each day until contractors, employed by Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, turn up

chained vigil as a last resort to

Police yesterday had to carry away protesters who lay down on the road in front of the main entrance gates at the Killingholme site in south

Humberside.

A convoy of nine lorries with a police escort turned up at the site at 6.30am. But antinuclear protesters blocked the main entrance with five cars. As police moved the cars and protesters. Nirex con-tractors used bolt cutters to

cut n chain on the gate. A Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping spokesman said sheriff's officers threw copies of the High Court injunction obtained last week, at the feet of the protesters

who refused to take them.

The Killingholme move came 24 hours after n High Court injunction had been served against some of the 24 Humberside protesters named

Contractors delivered drillng equipment to the Bradwell-on-Sea dumping site in Essex in a similar early morning move last Tuesday. Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour

MP for Grimsby, has complained about the way the injunctions have been served on Humberside protesters after almost a week's delay.

Detective on computer secrets charge

A Hampshire private detecive appeared in Winchester Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of contravening the Official Secrets Act after a police Investigation into alleged misuse of the police national computer. Stephen Bartlett, aged 26,

from Basingstoke, was remanded on bail of £1,000. The police said they had also interviewed a police ser-geant in the West Midlands

Portfolio —Gold— Win pays for diving holiday

Mr Paul Sloane from Farnborough, Hampshire, *25 yesterday's sole winner of The Times Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Sloane, the director of a computer software company, said he had been playing the Portfulio Gold game since it started.

"I am delighted to have won," he said yesterday. Mr Sloane, aged 36, said that he would spend his winnings on n scuba diving excursion in Hawaii.

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Cashier 'filled in winners'

Linda Gibbs put blank betting slips through the till nt William Hill bookmakers in Kentish Town, north London. where she worked as a parttime cashier, Highbury magistrates were told yesterday.

Next day she would enter the winner's name on the hlank slip and claim the einnings, Mr Miles Barker, for the prosecution, said.

Gihbs, aged 34, of Birchville Court, St John's Wood, Lon-don, ndmitted stealing £297 from William Hill. She also ndmitted stealing £5 from the company. She was allowed bail until October 17 for

Mrs Payne to stand trial Mrs Cynthia Payne, aged

53, charged with controlling prostitutes, elected for trial when she appeared at Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court in south London yesterday.

A second charge nlleging that Mrs Payne, of Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south London, ran a brothel was adjourned indefinitely.

Actor accused

Dennis Waterman, of the TV series, Minder, is to appear before Dorking magforce and a private detective istrates in Surrey on Novem-

Girl tells of alleged assault as she prayed

middle of the night.

"He knelt beside my bed and he took my hand and prayed for me. After a couple of minutes I felt hazy. I did not actually black-out but I went

He put his hands under the hlanket feeling my body. I cannot remember anything after that. I just went out," the girl aged 15 whispered to the

The prosecution has alleged that the South African-born preacher, aged 57, drugged and raped Christian virgins He said that these holidaywhile pretending to give them

religious guidance. He abused the trust placed in him by three women, Mr Hubert Dunn, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged.

The preacher denies three charges of rape, two against the schoolgirl, who was 14 at the time, and two charges of administering a stupefying

The Australian schoolgirt, who comes from a family who read the Bible daily, told the court that the preacher and his wife arrived at the small outback town of Dalby in Queensland, where she lives. The girl said: "He preached

about anything from the Bible. He laid hands on people's heads and prayed for them." At the invitation of her parents the preacher and his wife came to their home. Her parents were so impressed they lent him a car and invited

A schoolgirl told the Central
Criminal Court yesterday that
she was sexually assaulted by a
self-styled preacher as he at about 2am, when she was prayed at her bedside in the asleep. She said the wife woke her up and said they wanted to

pray for her.
The wife made her a chocolate drink and after she had drunk it left the room, the girl

She said the preacher knelt by her bed and, after saying a prayer, began to feel her body. The prosecution has alleged the drink was laced with a drug which induced stupor and unconsciousness.

Its effect was such that a girl could be raped and not remember it afterwards, Mr Dunn alleged. He said one of the alleged victims put her drowsy state afterwards down to her experience of God. Mr Dunn has claimed that

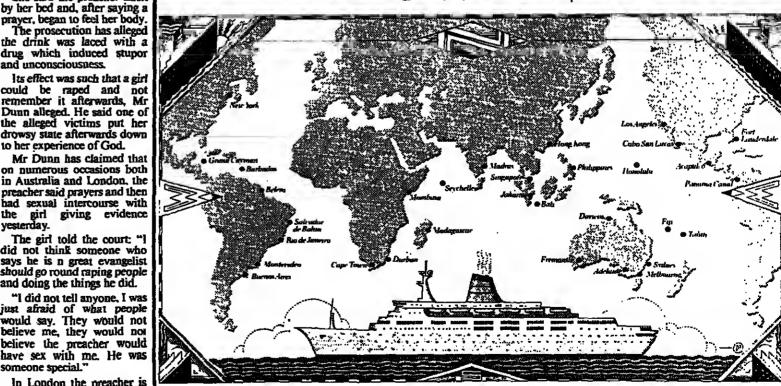
in Australia and London, the preacher said prayers and then had sexual intercourse with the girl giving evidence The girl told the court: "

did not think someone who says he is n great evangelist should go round raping people and doing the things he did.

"I did not tell anyone, I was just afraid of what people would say. They would not believe me, they would not believe the preacher would have sex with me. He was someone special."

In London the preacher is alleged to have drugged two other women aged 26 and 27, both born-again Christians and virgins, and raped one. The hearing continues on

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Synthetic growth hormone developed By Pearce Wright, Science Editor Britain, and the Food and Britain and the United States

A method for making a synthetic version of the hor-Drug Administration, in the United States. mone which controls growth in A deficiency of the subchildren has been developed at tance occurs in about one in the Centre for Applied Micro-biology at Porton Down, Wilshire.

5.000 children, leading to stunted growth. Injection with the natural extracts, given The first batch of material while children are at the primary school stage, can to replace the source of natural harmone growth hormone, increase growth by two to six HGH, extracted from donor inches n year . However, the treatment with

found that some of their patients had been infected. unknowingly, more than 12 years earlier by slow-acting viruses transmitted in the treatment. The infection is believed to have occurred when the treat-

ment was first introduced. Since the mid-1970s it is hoped that better purification of the human tissue has prevented contamination. The synthetic compound is a

owing microbes in fermentation tanks and of purifying the hiochemicals they secrete, developed at Porton Down, the

More than 20,000 pituitary extract an equivalent amount

pituitary glands, is ready for the natural preparation was Permission has been given for its use by the Committee for the Safety of Medicines, in halted by the Department of Health last year. Doctors in product of genetic engineering.

The gene that normally instructs the pituitary gland to secrete HGH was extracted and spliced into a harmless Using a special method of

first batch of 400 litres was synthesized in 24 bours. glands would be needed to

Hurd accuses pressure groups of hindering efficient government

groups is getting in the way of Government sought to do at good government, Mr Dougthe beginning of its term." las Hurd, Home Secretary,

He issued a warning that culties of the present system of their use of freer official information could harm the constitutional relationship be- groups tween the Government and

the governed.
"Members of Parliament and ministers both in my view need to shake themselves free to some extent from the embrace of pressure groups and interest groups," Mr Hurd said in a lecture to the Royal Institute of Public Admin-

He spoke of "the growth of these groups, their increased dominance of the media and the deference with which politicians regard them"

Mr Hurd said he does not see "magic" in the concept of freedom of information. The amount of information

eleased by the Government in recent years had steadily expanded and the present Government had given the chance for wide consultation. That expansion would no

No one is satisfied with the resent condition of the Oficial Secrets Act and no doubt in time to come some govern-volume of work, but ment will wish to put its hand difficulty of achieving

The growing role of pressure to reform, as indeed this cisions in the general interest.

Mr Hurd said, however, he believes that one of the diffigovernment is the increasing role of pressure and interest

He said that they interpose themselves between the executive on the one hand and Parliament and the electorate

"If freedom of information simply means freedom for pressure groups to extract from the system only those pieces of information which buttress their own cause, then conceivably the result might be greater confusion.

"Having said that, my experience has generally been that the wise politician is one who prefers to reveal rather than to conceal, and I believe that this rather basic motive will continue to increase the flow of information to the

Mr Hurd added: "I would simply say as a practising politician that the weight of these groups, almost all of them pursuing a legitimate has very substantially increased in recent years and adds greatly not just to the

"They are like serpents constantly emerging from the sea to strangle Laocoon and his sons in their coils." His reference was to Laocoon, a priest in Greek legend who warned the Troians against the wooden horse.

Mr Hurd also said he recognized there was a perception in some quarters that this nt is anti-Civil

Those who know and work closely with ministers will not in my view think this is true; indeed the articulated criticism of the Civil Service which was heard from some ministers 20 years and is quite

any doubt about the loyalty and dedication of Civil

Mr Hard hinted at the nec to reform the way con-stituencies are changed. "I believe that one day Parliament is going to have to get a grip on itself. It is, for example, absure

that under the existing ments the number of constituencies is bound to ments are made to allow for ng population. The House of Commons is already



Christopher Timothy, the actor, and Shirley And Field, the actress, helping to launch a \$256,000 appeal yesterday for the National Children's Home (Photograph: Dod Miller).

University lectures open to public

Undergraduate lectures in 28 departments of Exeter University are to be opened to the general public in the new academic year Anyone in Devon is eligible

o attend all lectures in the university's library,

designed to give non-students and spring terms and partici-a taste of life as a student. and spring terms and partici-The academic services open to participants will include the

tion fee and £10 a term for not have to write papers or

Solicitors get less of their income from conveyancing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspond

Conveyancing is still the South-east was an exception, chief, if declining, source of income for solicitors, particularly able than larger ones. larly outside London, according to a survey published in this week's Law Society

It constitutes more than 40 per cent of income for solicitors' firms outside London, although in central London the proportion is far

But the survey of about 200 firms showed that the income from conveyancing is dropping compared with other kinds of work.

It also showed that in spite of a steady rise in income, solicitors profits remained almost static. Firms taking part showed revenue growth of 12 per cent during 1985, which with inflation of about 5 per cent, implies real growth of 7 per cent, the survey says. The extra income did not lead to higher profits however,

as profit margins narrowed slightly in most regions. The survey is the second to be conducted by Paragon, a project run by an independent non-profit-making body called Centre for Interfirm

Comparison. It concludes that in general there is a positive link between size and profitability, with larger firms tending to make more profit per partner than maller firms.

That was particularly the case in central London and the north of England. But the

The survey took as a measure of profitability the net deducting a standard notional salary. That showed firms in outer London were the least profitable; those in central London the most profitable.

Of the provincial firms, those in the East tended to be more profitable than those in the West, with firms in the South-west and the North being close in the provincial

In terms of size, structure, work specialization and profitability, the central London firms tend to form a quite separate and distinct group from those in outer London and the provinces.

Firms are steadily becoming more computerized, and fewer than 15 per cent had no word-processing facilities. Roughly one in four firms had no computing facilities compared with one third last year.

Staff is the main item of costs, and makes up half of the revenue on average in most practices; almost 70 per cent

Apart from staff, accom-modation costs were the biggest single item of diture, totalling nearly £12,000 for every partner in a firm (£1,600 per each employee).

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Head has good case, judge says The High Court judge who granted an injunction to a London head teacher, Miss

Maureen McGoldrick, stop-ping a disciplinary hearing going ahead, said yesterday that she had a powerful case. Mr. Justice Garland was

the order last week preventing Brent council from holding its own disciplinary hearing after school governors had cleared Miss McGoldrick of racist

that Miss McGoldrick had a

that Miss McCoderick has a reasonably good prospect of success" at a full trial.

The National Union of Teachers, which fought the case on her behalf, failed to obtain an injunction restraining the council from continu-

circumstances, grant an patients and former patients junction requiring an emimaction requirir pended or dismissed gional Health Authority, will employee. That aspect was also look into the care and best resolved at trial.

Teachers at Sudbary. In- tients in north Lincolnshire.

Governors at the school had deared her of the allegation that she told a junior official she did not want any more coloured staff. She claimed he said she did not want any

unqualified staff. The judge has ordered a speedy trial of the main claim that the disciplinary proceed ings by Brent were unlawful.

Iron Age plots up

Half an acre of land inside an Iron Age village at West Penwith, Cornwall, is to be sold off in 21,780 separate square feet plots at £250 each to Cornishmen throughout the world to raise funds for its excavation by archaeologists.

year by Lady Akenham, a former grammar school teacher from Bradford, Lady Akenham hopes to appoint a leading archaeolo-

The village was bought last

gist to direct a dig. In trial trenching in 1954. Samian ware. Roman pottery and traces of three "courtyard" houses were

Inquiry into patient deaths

An inquiry is to be held after the death or suicide of 16 of St John's Hospital, Lincoln. The inquiry, by Trent Retreatment of psychiatric pa-

Rugby player attacked man

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Paul Simpson, aged 28, the England rugby player, was yesterday fined £125 and ordered by Bath magistrates to pay £100 compensation for assaulting Mr Thomas . Richards.

Mr Richards was kicked as he lay on the pavement after a mightclub fracas.



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Anti-terror agencies fight to point of conflict

France hamstrung by security rivalries

They are taking away the flower boxes that line the Champs Elysee, and desks and benches from post offices throughout Paris. Anything that might be used to conceal a bomb is being removed from public places to deter further terrorist attacks.

The gesture at once illustrates the gravity of the threat and the apparent impotence of the French security services in combating it.

France has a huge apparatus of more than 200,000 men and women engaged in the struggle against terrorism. But they are severely handicapped in being split among a variety of military and civilian organizations divided by jealousy and

The philosophy behind this policy is that a supremo in charge of all the police and intelligence agencies would vield awesome power, a prospect that makes the politicians decidedly nervous. A parallel is drawn with the late Yuri Andropov, who rose from his influential position as head of the KGB to become leader of the Soviet Union.

Hence the division starts at the top. Security forces are spread among three ministries Interior, Defence and Justice - and a recently created security division under a dep-oty minister who reports to the Interior Ministry.

The frontline groups in the clandestine war come from two rival intelligence agencies: the DST, mainly concerned with counter espionage in France; and the DGSE, which carries out similar activity

Each has about 3,000 personnel, but there the similarity ends. The DST is a civilian unit reporting to the Interior Ministry, while the DGSE is a military force controlled by the Defence Ministry.

Interior also has a powerful tool in the DRG, a kind of political police force about 2.000-strong which monitors sources of political sopport for Basque and Corsican separatists and other potentially

violent extremists. Not only are these agencies reluctant to co-operate with each other, they often compete to the point of conflict.

A source close to the French intelligence community told The Times that efforts to coordinate their activities at executive level were largely "Take for example a case

with the DGSE that identified a potential terrorist abroad. If the suspect enters France should in theory alert the



Applicants for the visas now required to enter France form a long queue along Fifth Avenue outside the French Consulate in New York.

DST. But in practice they do not, and continue to follow Omnes, in a recent paper on him themselves. The reason-ing is, why should another cluded that there was a lack of service take the credit for our direction: "Several organiza-

established a network in Lebanon many years ago because of its historic ties with France.

The DGSE resented when it is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives information that it is not seriously analysed at the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives the feet to be responsible for the same mission, with the corollary that each receives the feet to be responsible for the same mission. The DGSE resented what it Therefore no profit is gained regarded as interference in its from the valuable work of theatre of operations, and in more the late 1970s sent in its own ground. men, officially to protect French troops joining the United Nations peacekeeping

also inbibiting co-operation with the intelligence services force in southern Lebanon. of allied countries. Several are "So it is quite possible an known to have complained informer is being manipulated that they never know who

Far-left group blamed for Munich blast The people who bombed the daily lives "in full legality". offices of n Nato aircraft contractor in Munich were supporters of the extreme-left Red Army Faction, a spokes-man for a West German prosecutor said yesterday (AP reports).

Investigators suspect the enbing in Munich on Monday was the work of "a group of regional militants" who lead

by both services, without being aware of it," the source

The man with the unenviable post of co-ordinating the cannot manipulate a terrorist work of rival agencies is M as easily as you can a spy," the François Le Mouel, head of the anti-terrorist unit called Uclat at the loterior Ministry. Mr Jacques Chirac, the so he can be persuaded to Prime Minister, has also created a national security council grouping the ministries

Neither body appears to then what do you do when he have had much success in says that to maintain his improving operational co-op- credibility with his group he

happen, and let him get away with it? It's an awful moral Gendarmarie General René

At least twice in recent years, such informers are lown to have been executed by their erstwhile comrades one in Lebanon and two in France.

The source said the Government has ordered its intelligence agencies to become more aggressive in infiltrating terrorist cells, tracking down the mastermind (if he exists) and identifying their sources

of training, money and arms. But there again, there ap-pears to be two schools of thought. The prevailing police view is that the bombings are the work of the family of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, who is io a French prison.

The politicians perceive a more complex campaign aimed more at forcing France to withdraw from Lebanon, orchestrated by regional powers seeking a free hand to carve up the country.

In reviewing the campaign against the extreme-left group Action Directe, M Le Mouel said in a confidential report last December: "In the past, a oumber of arrests were made through intelligence gathered from informers. For more than a year, the specialized agencies have not had sufficiently reliable and above all well placed sources . . .

The difficulties regarding the pursuit and neutralization of a terrorist group that has acquired a fair degree of technical expertise are such that there can be no miracle solution.

It may be a long time before

Tebbit backs Paris visa move in war on terrorists

Vienna (AP) - Mr Norman Tebbit, the chairman of the Conservative Party, yesterday gave strong backing to the French Government's restrictions imposed on foreigners in

its efforts tocurb terrorism. "If the foreign policy of a national government can be dictated by a small number of terrorists, sufficiently ruthless to murder without discrimination men, women, children . . . then we would have come to the end of civilized order in the

world," be said. Mr Tebbit commented on criticism of this week's decision by the French Government to introduce visas for citizens of several non-communist European countries nutside the 12-nation Euro-

pean Economic Community. He and other party leaders were addressing a news con-ference on the first day of a meeting of party leaders of the European Democrat Union, a group of Conservative and Christian Democratic parties, which is headed by Herr Alois Mock, chairman of the Austrian People's Party.

Earlier, Mr Carl Bildt, who heads the Swedish opposition Conservatives, complained about the French curbs on travel from Scandinavian

"If France were intimidated into changing its policies ... then we should all soon be forced to follow this example,"

airport

talks end

Senior British and Spanish

officials ended here yesterday a day-and-a-half of talks

reviewing possible future joint use of Gibraltar's airport and

other co-operation measures

without announcing any

Both sides afterwards

showed maximum discretion

about the talks between Mr David Ratford, Under-Sec-

retary at the Foreign Office

responsible for Southern Eu-

rope, and Señor Jesus Ezquerra, his Spanish

decisions.

counterpart.

The two-day meeting at Vienna's Hofburg Congress Centre was completely overshadowed hy the recent wave of terrorist attacks in France. It was attended by Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, and Mr

Turget Ozal, the Prime Minister of Turkey. Herr Mock said the session was expected to endorse a set of proposals to fight international terrorism in a resolution to be adopted on Sunday.

 Controls essential: Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament yesterday called on all EEC governments to bring in visa requirements for visitors from non-Common Market countries.

In a speech to a conference on International and European Policy in Vienna, Sir Henry said strict visa controls were essential in the fight against

• MADRID: The Spanish Government has lifted an or-der which barred North Africans travelling to France without visus from entering Spain, a Foreign Ministry pokesman said yesterday. The spokesman said the

order was cancelled after Paris

Gibraltar | Papandreou promise to

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, yesterday promised the people of Kalamata interest-free loa-

ns and grants to help them

rebuild or repair their homes devastated by the earthquakes

which killed 20 people a week

He told an outdoor gather-

ing of the town's civic leaders:
Your grief has become a

Mexico City (AP) - Mexicans

gathered yesterday at churches, memorials and pla-

zas to pay tribute to the thousands who died in the

earthquake that hit the capital

one year ago. President Miguel de la Madrid presided

at a ceremony in the main Zocalo Plaza.

cause for national mourning. I

promise that Kalamata will

soon regain its vitality."
Official estimates of the

damage in this port town of 42,000 inhabitants revealed

revive earthquake town

From Mario Modiano, Athens

canvas.

Guerrillas give Duarte victory in propaganda

From Philip Jacobson Sesori, El Salvador

True to his word, President Duarte of El Salvador turned up in this remote town in the middle of guerrilla territory yesterday, the day appointed for peace talks with guerrilla

He immediately berated the guerrillas for failing to appear after the breakdown of preliminary talks earlier this

"I'm here at the right time in the right place on the right Schor Duarte told a crowd of several hundred people in the town square. "So where are they, those people who talk of peace all the time but won't come to Sesori to discuss it. You the people are here, the workers, the mothers, the children, but where is the other side?"

It was a vintage Duarte pernance, long on rhetoric. rather shorter on specific proposals about how the faltering peace negotiations might be revived. And try as he would, bis voice cracking from the strain and sweat streaming down his face, the President could not get much response from his audience. Possibly because many in his audience vere refugees displaced by the civil war.

They told foreign journal-ists they had been put in huses and told to wave white flags and cheer at the right moment. Once a prosperous town of 25,000 people, but with a population now reduced by fear to around 6,000, Sesori lies in the middle of one of the most disputed areas of El Sal-vador. The only way to approach it, unless you have the presidential helicopter, is along a series of back-breaking

It reminded me of a landing zone in Vietnam. The air seemed to be full of military helicopters, stirring up huge clouds of yellow dust and stripping nearby fields of their crops. Helicopter guuships hovered above the town as the President arrived and his speech was not aided by a Red Cross helicopter flying in cir-

eles above. When he finished his adiress President Duarte retired to the church to hold a Mass for peace. Outside, his aides attempted to work the crowd into a better degree of enthusiasm, without noticeable success. It does not really matter. Señor Duarte said he would be here, he was, the guerrillas order was cancelled after Paris were oot, and the desperately made clear that citizens of those countries did not require taken that io. Where the where, remains to be seen.

Mr Papandreou said the

earthquake victims would be

given interest-free loans for 15

four-hour visit to the city, accompanied by a group of

ministers, and toured some of

the 35 campsites where thou-

sands of bomeless live under

• BRUSSELS: The European

rency Units (£700,000) to

provide emergency aid to people hit by the Greek earth-

A spokesman said the

Commission was also consid-

ering speeding up the dis-bursement of aid already

• MOSCOW: An earthquake

shook the Soviet republic of Moldavia early yesterday, less than three weeks after two

quake (Reuter reports).

agreed for Greece.

years to rebuild their homes. The Prime Minister made a

Onus for Unifil laid on Israel

New York — Senor Javier Perez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General. yesterday laid the onus of the beleaguered state of the UN forces in southern Lebanon on Israel (Zoriana Pysariwsky

He urged collective measures to ensure that the Israeli defence forces dismanued their security zone and withdrew to their own borders in a report to the Security Council, which, at the request of France, was meeting later on

the Unifil crists. The Secretary-General almost ignored the growing evidence that the mounting macks against the UN peacekeepers was a concerted effort by fundamentalist Shia Muslim groups, drawing their inspiration from Iran, to compel the force to leave.

Pole flees under fire

Tirschenreuth, West Germany (AP) - A Polish man escaped unhurt across the zechoslovak border to West Germany despite a hail of bullets from communist guards, but a second man was arrested. West German uthorities said yesterday.

Czechoslovak border police opened fire on the two Poles. both aged 19, as they tried to flee into West Germany's Bavaria state.

Red Cross Sudan plea

Geneva -The International Committee of the Red Cross said yesterday that it has often asked the Sudanese People's Liberation Army to allow food to be flown to the besieged town of Wau and other areas. but so far all these efforts have been in vain" (Alan McGregor writes).

The rules and spirit of

international humanitarian law - and in particular the fundamental principle of numanity - require the belligerents to spare noncombatants and to do everything in their power to ensure civilians receive what is necessary for survival," the ICRC

Execution by injection

Raleigh, North Carolina AP) - A man who confessed to raping, beating and slashing a 25-year-old nurse was executed by injection out far from the field where he left ber to bleed to death. The last words of John

William Rook, aged 27, were: "Freedom, freedom, at last, man. It's been a good one."

Asylum plea

Madrid (Reuter) - Twenty-three Poles, including eight children, who arrived at Madrid airport from Yugoslavia have asked for political asylum in Spain.

Inquiry ends

Jerusalem - The results of a two-month police inquiry into Shin Bet, the Israeli counterintelligence agency, have been handed over 10 the Attorney-

Community Executive Commission yesterday announced it would make available Eagle killers one million European Cur-

Vaasa, Finland (Reuter) -Finnish hunters who shot a white-tailed sea eagle have been fined £6,000.

Beef halted Harare (Router) - Zim-

babwe has suspended beef exports to the European Community to rebuild its herds, which were depleted by drought last year.

Boy isolated

Fountain Valley, California (AP) - School officials have ordered that a 13-year-old boy be isolated from his class-

mates because he refused to remove a diamond carring.

33,000 die Berlin (AP) - Nicaragua has lost 33,000 people and suf-fered £1.5 hillion in damages from seven years of war between government troops and US-backed guerrillas,

President Ortega was quoted

Drug murders

Moscow (Reuter) - Drug addicts in the Sovict Central Asian city of Alma-Ata have committed two murders and are responsible for more than half of all thefts and burglary in the area, an official newspaper said.

Hijack bill

Monrovia (AFP) - The Liberian Senate has passed a Bill making armed robbery. hijacking and terrorism punishable by death.

Border rows

Jerusalem - Two of the three international and neutral arbitrators needed to join the court which is to settle the 14 border disputes between Egypt and Israel have been approved by the two governments, according to unofficial

as to m action - and you have to let it Champs Elysée

more than 200,000 men on the

The lack of co-ordination is

The attack was probably a

"concerted action carried out

in agreement with the highest

The US Army in Stutigart

has warned its soldiers and

their families to stay away

from a discothèque after of a telephone threat that an

American would be kidnapped

Another big problem facing the security forces is the

nature of terrorism. "You

as easily as you can a spy," the source said. "A spy is in the

same profession as you, he

operates io the same way, and

"A terrorist is an cotirely

different proposition. At best,

he could turn informer. But

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Scientology reels after \$30m case

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

In what Church of Scien-tology leaders called a blow that could destroy its organization, a Los Augeles Su-perior Court judge has upheld a jury's \$30 milliou (£20.4 million) damages award to a former member who claimed the religious cult destroyed his life mentally and financially.

Judge Ronald Swearinger

on Thursday denied without comment the Church's bid to win a new trial or invalidate the huge award to Mr Larry Wollersheim, who was granted \$5 million compensatory and \$25 million punitive damand 5.5 minion pontare that ages after a long and bitter trial that ended in July.

Since the verdict, the Church's lawyers have argued in court that its religious

beliefs were unconstitutionally placed on trial and that the big award reflected the jury's prejudice and passion. Scientnlogists have organ-ized non-stop candle vigils outside the courthouse in Los

Angeles and launched a press campaign to bring their efforts to public attention.

At a press conference last night, the Church's lawyer, Mr Earle Cooley, called the judge's decision "the most judge's decision of judicial

ontrageous evasion of judicial responsibility ever seen in this He said the Church could be forced to post the \$60 million bond to prevent Mr Wollersheim from receiving any money while the case is on

appeal and that the amount would severely strain the Church's net worth of \$18 million. He would also seek a new

trial even if it meant going to the US Supreme Court. The Church of Scientology and its affiliates have been the target of a wave of lawsnits by ex-members in recent years. Mr Wollersheim sned it in

Scientulogy practice known as anditing in which an individual is asked to reveal intimate details of bis life while his responses are monitored on n lie detector device.

Victim of Soviet labour camps in Britain

Prisoner of conscience walks free

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Nikolai Baranov's first impulse on arrival in Britain, after 23 years in Soviet labour camps and psychiatric hospitals where he was subjected to tranquilizing injections, was to go for long, lonely walks in the "clean, fresh air" of Staffordshire. At a press conference at

national secretariat in London yesterday, Mr Baranov, aged 49, a former Moscow construction worker, related his experiences — over 17 years of them in Soviet "special psychiatric hospitals" — which followed his arrest in 1963 for distributing pamphlets for a clandestine Russian national-ist organization and for seek-

ing to emigrate.

Mr Baranov arrived in Britain on August 3 with his twin sister, Elena Baranov, and her son, after concerted efforts by Amnesty International over the past seven years and an appeal by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, when he visited the Soviet Union last

For the past six weeks, Mr Baranov and his only two surviving relatives have been Psychiatry declared him "unliving with a north Stafford- accountable for his actions" trade shire family, part of an Am- and he was despatched to a ment.

place at

bridge contest

From A Bridge Correspondent, Miami

The USA yesterday took

second place in the competi-

tion for the fourth semi-final

place in the World Knockout

Bridge Team Championships. Of the eight teams which

competed in a mini-knockout

10 determine the fourth place

of Pakistan.



behalf during his ordeal.

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Amnesty International's international secretariat in London

Amnesty International press conference in London

Amnesty International press conference in London

wrote 10,000 letters on his his family. After he was caught passing

The Path, which he said followed the precepts of "Christian democracy", Mr Baranov spent five years in a labour camp in Mordovskaya west of Moscow which he described as "a paradise on Earth" compared with the special psychiatric hospitals designed for treatment of the "criminally insane".

He was arrested again after he had dropped anti-Soviet pamphlets in the Swedish

Doctors at the Serbsky Cen-

nesty case worker group which variety of institutions in Tashkent, hundreds of miles from The drugs with which he was injected did not cause him

> state of continual physical pain. "The worst punishment is the needle with the injection."
> he said. "I was prepared to
> suffer all sorts of other
> punishments." In July, the drug infusions

to hallucinate, but left him in a

abruptly stopped and later he was told he would be allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

On August 3, two KGB officers drove him to Leningrad Airport and he boarded a plane to find his sister and nephew waiting for him.

Mr Baranov's immediate priority is to learn English, a trade and then find employ-

US in second | Italian firms to bid for **Star Wars contracts**

nounced yesterday.
The Italian Government

says this does not mean it ficials declined to estimate gives political or military sup-port to the controversial Star Wars, or SDI, programme. Italy is the fourth US ally to

Italy has signed an agree—
ment which will enable Italian ment were classified and firms to bid for American would oot be published. But Strategic Defence Initiative the agreement would provide (SDI) research programme a comprehensive basis for contracts, the Pentagon announced yesterday.

a comprehensive basis for participation of Italian industry in SDI research.

how much money Italiao firms might stand to gain in SDI contracts. Each Italian

duce its overall cost, and acce-lerate its schedule," the Penta-gon said. tind gan agreement for the participation of its firms in SDI research.

British officials were yes-terday discouraging the im-pression that a formula for joint use of Gibraltar's airport would be announced later by the two countries foreign ministers when they meet, as a political breakthrough. A further meeting is now likely at a senior level before Sir Geoffrey Howe, the For-

eign Secretary, and Señor Francisco Fernández Ordónez bold their annual meeting.

that two-thirds of its 21,000 earthquakes killed two people private buildings were no longer habitable.

carthquakes killed two people and caused extensive damage in the region. Tass reported. Rubik launches new Magic

is now available - Rubik's Mr Erno Rubik, the Hungarian mathematician, designer and inventor, launched Magic at the Budapest Trade Fair yesterday, hoping to sweep the world with another puzzle

Like the Cube, the challenge of Magic is to manipulate shapes from chaos into a pattern. Both employ an ingenious and secret mechanism that delics immediale nader-

standing. Magic consists of eight flat sections joined by mysterious-ly hinges of plastic filament which, instead of baving just one angle, have 45. The aim is to form a pattern of interlocking rings from the confusion of brightly-coloured arcs on the

provocation to experiment, to see what you can make of it," Mr Rubik said.He said the creation of order out of confu-





cashing in on the device.

The new puzzle has been patented in 40 countries and

distributed to marketing points in the Uoited States and Europe ready for sale next



Erno Rubik, the man who gave the world Rubik's Cube

portant element of the puzzle. "When you are working to find a solution you create different kinds of three-dimen-sional forms," he said. The inventor, aged 42, teaches at Budapest's Acad-

emy of Design and Crafts.
Although Magic has a more etaborate appearance than the Cube, which sold in millions, Mr Robik says it still depends

Both puzzles sprang from mable to meet the demand.

Mr Rrbik's background of studying sculpture, architecture and design, as well as a Canton, with a 2,000-strong special talent for mathemat- work force set up this year.

ical manipulation. He has learned hard business lessons from his experiences with the Cabe, with pirate companies

month. The US firm licensed to market the Cube was surprised by its extraordinary success in 1980 and 1981 and

1980 after 11 years in the in the semi-final, three were organization, during which be from Europe. was a travelling spokesman, extulling the benefits of an advanced Scientology course. He had claimed that he was proposal would be assessed oo compete for SDI research contracts. Britain, West Ger-Three reams had already its technical merits. qualified by wioning their respective pools. Surprisingly, in the mini-knockout the final The puzzle can be bent into mexpected three-dimensional The Italian Government many, and Israel joioed said earlier this week that the in the mint-knockout the final
was contested by two nonAmerican teams — Bjorn Fallenius, Magnus Lindqvist,
Mats Nilsand and Anders
Wirgen of Sweden and Zia
Mahmood, Jan-E-Alam-Fazli,
Nissar Ahmed, Nishat Abidi
of Pakistan. subjected to "psychological manipulations" and was rob-"We expect Italian partici- agreement was drawn up on shapes as the parts are twisted pation in SDI research will the same lines as those already contribute significantly, helpand broken from each other. bed of his judgment through a "It's the same idea as the on a simple idea. A STATE OF THE STA ing to increase the pro- many and Israel Japan said Cabe. Part basic puzzle, part April 18 Commence of the State eramme's effectiveness, re- this month it was also nego-

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A public application form is provided below, together with notes on how to complete it.

Successful applicants for shares will be entitled to receive, free of charge, a loyalty bonus of one extra share, up to a maximum of 500 shares, for every 10 shares continuously held from allocation under the offer for sale to 30th September, 1989, in accordance with the loyalty bonus arrangements set out in the full prospectus.

(a) Acceptance of applications will be conditional upon (i) ordinary shares in 128 Group pic being admissed to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and listing becoming effective in accordance with "Admission of Securicies to Listing" by not liner than close of business on 10th November, 1986 and (ii) the underwrong agreement referred to in Section 15 of Part II of the listing and III of the listing agreement referred to in Section 15 of Part 1986 and (if) the underwriting agreement referred to in Section 15 of Part XI of the listing particulars relating to the Company dured 12th September, 1986 ("the tisting particulars relating to the Company dured 12th September, 1986 ("the tisting particulars") not being terminated in accordance with its terms prior to notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not suitabled and, in the meantiest, if presented for payment, will be kept by a exceiving bank in a separate account. The right is reserved to present all chaques and bankers' dealts for payment on receipt by a receiving bank.

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(ii) by compacing and delivering so application form, you:
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(and, is due course, subject to the memorandum and swicks of
association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be
bound by all the provisions of the Insulment Agreement;

squee thus, in consideration of TSB Central Board agreement; agree thus, in consideration of TSB Central Board agreeing that it will not, prior to 10th November, 1986, sell any of the ordinary shares being officied for sale to any person other than by means of the procedures referred to in the listing particulate, your application may not be revealed until after 10th November, 1986 and that this puragraph shall consultate a collengal contract between you and TSB Central Board which will become bending upon despetch by post to or, in the case of delivery by hand, on receipt by a secreting bank or TSB bank binneth of your application form;

(iv) agree that, in respect of those stores for which your application has been received and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of 155 Central Board, either (a) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which cline acceptances shall be on that basis) or (b) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

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effectively transferred;

(vii) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essentiated contract constituted by acceptance of your application;

(viii) agree to pay or procure to be paid by, and for value not later than, 3.00 p.m. on 8th September, 1987, the second instalment of 50p per share payable to respect of those shares for which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred by you prior to that time; warrant that, if your application is made on a priority application form, you are an eligible customer, employee or pensioner (as the case any be) of the Group and that your application is made solely for the benefit of the applicant(s) named therein, or, in the case of a castomer priority applicant form, if applicable, for the benefit of the person, body, trust or estate designated in Box A on that form;

(x) warrant that not more than one application has been made by you (or on your behalf) and for your benefit on a public application form;

warmen that, if you sign the application form on behalf of son else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to d eise or on behalf of a corporation, you have one authority to do so;

(xii) agree that failure to pay or procure the payment of the second instalment as provided in sub-paragraph (viii) and/or a breach of any of the waterstees set out in sub-paragraphs (iii), (iv), (x) and (xi) will constitute a breach of a fundamental term and repudiation of the commer constituted by acceptance of your application and TSB Central Board will be entitled (but not bound) to treat itself as discharged from its obligations under the contract;

(xiii) agree that all documents to connection with the loyalty boars (xiii) agree that all documents to connection with the loyalty boars arrangements may be sent by post to the person (or the first-named person) named as an applicant in the application form to the address of such person (or first-named person) set out therein or to such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of members of the Company against the usuae of such person(s);

civ) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under this offer for sale shall be governed by and continued in accordance with finglish law;

agree that, having had the opportunity to read the listing particularly you shall be deemed to have notice of all information and representations in relation to the Company and the Group contained

(avi) confirm that in making your application you are not relying on any information or representations in relation to the Company or the Group other than such as sany be contained in the listing particulars or in the mini prospectus taken together with the listing particulars and, accordingly, you agree that on person shall have any liability for any such other information or representations (other than as aforesaid).

(e) The immiliators Agreement provides that any contract made by tance (whether in whole or in part) of any application shall constitute date contract for the purchase of each of the shares agreed to be sold use terms and conditions shall be construed accordingly.

(f) The basis of allocation will be construed accordingly.

(f) The basis of allocation will be determined by TSB Central Board in consultation with Lazard Brothers. The right is reserved, notwithstanding the basis so determined, to reject in whole or in part and/or to scale down any application and, in particular, multiple or suspected multiple applications. Any application which (alone or together with any other application andre person associated with him) is for more than five per cent. of the ordinary startes in issue following the offer for sale will be rejected to the extent it (either alone or together with any other such application) exceeds that percanage and may also be scaled down theresher. TSB Central Board reserves the right to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

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instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

(g) No person receiving a copy of the listing particulates or the miniprospectus or an application form in any territory other than the UK, the Channel listands or the bile of Man may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should be in any event use such form innies, in the relevant certitory, such an invitation or offer could invitally be mass, in the relevant certitory, such an invitation or offer could invitally be mass, in the relevant certificity, such an invitation or offer could invitally be mass, in the responsibility of any person ounded the UK, the Channel Islands or the late of Man wishing to make fill application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant tentitory in connection therewith, including obtaining my requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other requisite formalities, and paying any issue, transfer or other cames doe in such persister.

(b) The ordinary states have not been, and will not be, registered, under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Accordingly, such shares may not be offered, sold, renounced or transferred, directly at indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any U.S. person or to any person purchasing such shares for re-offer, ale, remunciation of transfer in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any U.S. person as part of the distribution of such shares. For this purpose, "U.S. person means any national, citizen or resident of the United States or the estate or trust of any such person, my corporation, partnership or other emity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, or any political sub-division thereof, and any United States bounch of a non-U.S. person and "United States" means the United States bounch of a non-U.S. person and possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction.

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(I) All documents and cheques sent by post by or on behalf of TSS Central Board, the Company or the Controllan Bank will be sent at the risk of the person entitled thereto.

The consent of the Finance and Economics Committee of the States of Jersey has been obtained for the circulation of this offer for sale in Jersey. It must be distinctly understood that, in giving this consent, the Committee does not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any statements made or opinions expressed with

If you wish to apply for shares, you must complete and return an application form in accordance with the instructions accompanying the

Only one application can be made by you (or on your behalf) and for your benefit on a public application form. Criminal proceedings may be instituted if more than one such application is made, Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any

Your application will be made on the Terms and Conditions set out berein and on the terms of the lastalisters Agreement which governs the payment of the second instalment. Once delivered, an application cannot be withdrawn. The basis of allocation of shares will be announced on or as soon as possible after 29th September, 1986. If there has been heavy demand for shares, you may not receive all or (except in the case of a valid priority application) any of the shares for which you have applied.

If your application is successful, in whole or in part, you will be seek a renounceable document called a lener of acceptance on, or as soon as possible after, 7th October, 1986 which will tell you the number of abares allocated to you. If you are unsuccessful or are allocated only some of the shares for which you have applied, any unused money paid by you on application will be returned (without inserest).

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will begin on the dealing day after letters of acceptance are posted to successful applicants. If you deal before you receive a letter of acceptance, this will be at your own risk. You must recognise the risk that your application may not have been accepted to the extent expected or at all, instructions for dealing will be mistered or start letters. will be printed on your letter of acceptance.

If you wish to keep the shares allocated to you, you need not do nything until you have to pay the second instalment, due not later than 1.00 p.m. on 8th September, 1987. You will be reminded about the second assaiment before it becomes payable.

Under the Instalment Agreement, shares sold under the offer for sale will be registered in the name of Lloyds Bank Plc 28 Custodian Bank until

YOU MAY APPLY ONLY ONCE ON A PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Your application must be for a minimum of 400 shares or for one of the other numbers of shares indicated in the table

they have been fully paid for. However, the Instalment Agreement is designed to confer upon you or any subsequent purchaser of shares substantially the same rights and privileges (and to impose substantially the same obligations, restrictions and limitations) as are conferred or imposed on shareholders of the Company, in particular, you will be enacted to receive dividends and vote at meetings.

If you do not pay the second instalment in respect of any share, you could lose your right to that share and to all extra shares under the loyalty bonus arrangements. In that case, you will be repaid a sum equal to the amount of the first instalment, without interest, less any loss (including expenses) which TSB Central Board may have suffered as a result of your failure to pay. TSB Central Board may instead accept late payment of the second instalment and is entitled to demand interest on the overductions.

A final share certificate will be sent to you after payment of the

prospector and copies of the agreement may be impoced the Regional Co-ordinators until 30th November, 1987.

Special arrangements have been made for investors to buy and sell small numbers of shares until 30th September, 1988 at special agreed rates through the Regional Co-ordinators and certain local stockbrokers listed in the full prospectus. The list of local stockbrokers is available at 158 bank

Copies of the full prospectus may be obtained from, or inspected it, all branches in the UK, the Channel Islands and the liste of Man of the TSB banks and Lloyds Bank Pic, all branches in Scotland of Bank of Scotland and all branches in Northern Bank Linited, and the offices of the Regional Co-ordinators listed on this page and of certain local stockhookers referred to above.

The full prospector is also being published in full in the *Pinancila*, The Timer and the *Dully Telegraph* on Tuesday, 16th September,

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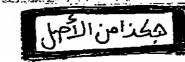
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Black miners to vote on pay strike as feelings run high over fatal fire

Union of Mineworkers (NUM), which represents some 300,000 of the more than 500,000 blacks working in gold, coal and other mines, yesterday said that it would

The decision was announced after the NUM reached a deadlock yesterday mining experts from Britain and West Germany to South which represents the main mining houses.

"The NUM said the Chamgent to the reasonable de- negligence. mands of the union".

The threat of a strike in rican Foreign Minister, Mr

hold a strike ballot among its died, all but five of them

German experts" to come to

standards here, of which they

were "apparently not aware".

suggestion by Herr Genscher

that deep-level mining experts

Mines since July 1, when the

between 15 and 19 per cent in

response to the union's de-

mand for a 30 per cent

In negotiations last Mon-day, the two sides came slightly closer, with the NUM

reducing its demand to 26 per cent, and the chamber raising

its offer by a percentage point or so. The Kinross tragedy

may have hardened attitudes

Gencor, the Afrikaner-dom-

inated mining company which

owns Kinross, admitted yes-terday that it did not know

wbether a polyurethane anti-corrosion foam wbicb is

thought to have been a factor

in the disaster had ever been

tested for toxicity before being

Jobannesburg, Mr Carl Netscher, senior director of

Gencor's mining division, gave an assurance that the foam would be removed im-

mediately from all the

company's mines. Other exec-

utives said they did not think

it was widely used.

Mr Netscher said, bowever,

that the company was not

prepared to remove PVC-

flammable substances until

the findings of the official

inquiry into the disaster were

known. That could take up to

Provisional indications are

that poisonous firmes from

burning cables and other

materials, and from the poly-

urethane foam may have

The executive chairman of Gencor, Mr Derek Keys, told the press conference that the

company was setting up an

independent trust fund, en-

dowed with an initial sum of

two million rands (£600,000)

to supplement the existing

forms of compensation for bereaved families.

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At a press conference in

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This was in response to a

inquiry into the disaster. It said it was also looking at the possibility of a prosecution of ber had rejected arbitration Gencor, the owner of the and had remained "intransi- Kinross mine, for criminal Kinross mine, for criminal

Japan adds visas ban to sanctions

Japan is to introduce sanctions against South Africa similar to those of the EEC but with one significant addition.

As well as banning imports of pig-iron and steel, Japan will also decline to issue visas for South African tourists and discourage Japanese tourists from going there. While continuing the ban on air links between the two countries, it will also stop government officials from travelling on South African Airways (SAA).

. The Government cannot do anything in the short-term about the SAA office in Takyo except decline to renew visas of South African staff. The office books flights on SAA which originate from Taipei.

Japan, whose nationals are honorary whites in South Africa, already maintains relations with Pretoria at consular rather than full diplomatic 'level.

· It restricts investment and finance, limits sporting, cultural and educational contacts. forbids the import of arms and the export of computers to agencies enforcing apartheid and urges its citizens not to buy Krugerrands.

The Japanese decided not to ban the import of either coal or iron ore because of their importance to home industry and the fear that banning them would adversely affect the lives of black miners.

South Africa's National South Africa's most important 'Pik' Botha, has separately industry comes at a time when invited Herr Hans-Dietrick feelings are already running high among black miners because of the underground fire at the Kinross fold Mine last Tuesday in which 177 people

Meanwhile, the South Af-

From David Watts, Tokyo

A Foreign Ministry official said it was not constructive to destroy the Pretoria economy, but the Government recognizes that the situation is so serions that "some stronger measures are necessary to convey our position to the South African Government".

The Ministry emphasized that the measures are "not everlasting" and the Government is ready to lift them when Pretoria clearly indicates that it is going to abolisb apartheid.

Japan believes the ban on iron and steel is a substantial measure since the country imports some 18 per cent of South African exports, last year worth \$200 million (£136 million), and is the second

The ban, however, does not apply to existing contracts and will take a little time to enforce. Japanese coal imports from South Africa were worth \$410 million and iron ore \$180 million in 1985.

Last year Japan was host to 4,000 South Africans, of whom 25 per cent were on tourist visas and would no longer get in under the new regulation South Africa received 3,800

Chief Cabinet Secretary, called for the release of the African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, and the removal of baus on anti-apertheid organizations.



Typhoon Abby lashed the country from Wednesday night until yesterday and resulted in six deaths, the lorry driver mong them (AP reports from Taipei).

A petrol lorry lying partly submerged in a Taiwan river after its driver lost control in typhoon winds which reached 110 miles drifted for 10 hours in Kaohsiung harbour, about 200 miles south of Taipei. Abby weakened at around midday yes-terday, when the eye of the storm crossed central Taiwan and its winds dropped.

Kai-sbek and the international airport in Kaohsiung, reopened yesterday after be-Abby is the second big storm to hit Taiwan this year. Typhoon Wayne swept through last month, leaving 52 dead and

damage estimated at £270 million.

The two main airports, Taiper's Chiang

Iraq and Iran claim victories

claimed its forces crushed an Iranian offensive in the central sector of the Gulf war front yesterday, killing 1,400 soldiers and wnunding 3,000 others, the state-run Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

Baghdad (AP) - Iraq

It was the first lraqi report of heavy fighting in the central sector of the 733-mile front since Tuesday, when Iran announced advances in the region west of the Iranian border town of Mehran.

· INA said the Iranians attacked a beight in the region and that Iraqi forces were able to "wipe out 1,400 of the attacking forces and inflict injuries on about 3,000 Iranians while the rest fled".

"The situation settled decisively and completely in favor of Iraqi forces" at 11am yesterday it said. Iraqi forces are exercising their control, with full force, on all the border hills." the agency said.

The Iraqis have been saying since Tuesday that minor clashes were occurring between an Iraqi "ambush group" and Iranian infantry companies in the central

Yesterday's Iraqi announcement did not state the military significance of the beight attacked by the Iranians.

Iran claimed on Thursday that its forces had captured a string of hills, pushing six miles inside traqi territory.

yesterday that Iranian forces captured slopes of a strategie bill in five hours of hand-tohand combat with Iraqi troops. It said an Iraqi battalion was "smashed" with several prisoners taken.

Israelis and Lebanon militia in drive to capture gunmen

Israeli tronps reinforced members of their proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia yesterday in an attempt to capture at least 12 of the 75 Lebanese gunmen who on Thursday staged their biggest attack on General Antoine Labd's militia in four years of guerrilla warfare against Israel and its allies.

Hezbollah "Party of God" members and gunmen from the Lebanese Communist Party yesterday were vaunting what they called their "heroic confrontation against the army of the agent Lahd", circulating photographs of the bodies of several of the dead militiamen lying in the ruins of their mountain outposts. The SLA have conceded

that they lost 11 dead in the conflict and the guerrillas now say that three of their men were killed while 12 others are missing, apparently trying to escape from the Israelis on the hillsides below Jezzine with two captive members of the

The battles also demonstrated that the guerrillas are trying to sever the corridor of territory held by the SLA and running from the Israeli occupation zone up to the Christian mountain town of Jezzine. The Israelis are unlikely to

allow that 10 happen; but 10 prevent it they will be forced to send their soldiers north of the occupied area - as they did yesterday - and thus risk suffering the sort of casualties which many Israelis feel are unacceptable in the Lebanon war. The Lebanese resistance movement, which is helped by Sunni as well as by Shia Muslim fundamentalists, has long tried to tempt the Israelis into just such a renewed involvement.

Even as the Israelis were hunting for the SLA's attackers yesterday, the French paratroop contingent of the United Nations force further south was redeploying to new positions which will so the UN bopes - prevent law and order.

against them by the Hcz-bollah. The French left their northernmost outpost at dawn and handed it over to soldiers from the UN's Nepalese battalion. The Syrian Army mean

while has announced that it intends to prevent any further deterioration in security in west Beirut, Brigadier-General Gbazi Kenaan, the head of Syrian Army intelligence in Lebanon, told a news conference in the northern city of Tripoli that "kidnappers and bank robbers will be dealt with firmly", The abduction of two more

Americans in west Beirut last week and a series of spectacular bank robberies by gunmen who are, like the rest of the population, feeling the col-lapse of the Lebanese pound. has been deeply embarrassing to the Syrians who sent their troops into the Muslim sector of the city in July for the express purpose of restoring

Tokyo in £12.8bn boost for economy

From David Watts Tokyo

Japan has introduced a package of measures worth a record 3.600 billion yen (about £12.8 billion) to stimulate the domestic economy. but it is likely to have little impact on imports.

The Government hopes that the package will boost the flagging economy to 4 per cent growth for the year.

In August Japan had a \$1.57 billion (£1.05 billion) surplus with the EEC countries and a \$4,42 billion surplus with the US. The overall surplus was \$7.5 billion for the month. compared with \$3.49 billion for the same period last year.

The measures, the third package this year, come after months of urging from abroad that the Japanese economy be stimulated in the hope that more imports will be sucked in. But only additional capital expenditure by the inter-national telephone service KDD, which has recently shown greater willingness to purchase from abroad, is likely to involve imports. Three thousand billion yen

of the package will be local and national government expenditures, with the balance coming from the private sector. By increasing the amount available for mortgages from the government housing loan corporation, the Government expects to see an extra 30,000 housing units built this year. It will also spend an extra 1.400 billion yen on road improve-

Other measures are to help small industries hit by the rising yen to find new markets and secure employment in those industries, and to ensure that the benefits of the stronger eurrency are passed on to the consumer. ■ TOKYO: Three Japanese

companies have joined a US company in a feasibility study on a new satellite telecommunications service in Japan (AFP reports).

The Tokyo-based company formed for the joint venture, Japan Satellize Communications Network Planning Corporation, hopes to prepare the way for a high-speed data transmission service linking corporate clients by way of small Earth satellite stations similar to the very small aperture terminals of the US. It would also provide a circuit-leasing service.

Africa sees quick and easy solution From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

vinced that economie sanctions will force the departure bf white minority rule in South Africa and that they will do so quickly and with relative ease. For them, beyond the image of a collapsed apartheid regime lies a frontline free from South Africa's harsh brand of economic benevo-Icnce and military impunity.

This African perception is the motivation behind its sanctions campaign, which has now shifted to the United Nations, where the General Assembly is in the midst of a four-day debate on Namibia, Jikely to wind up today with ealls for a total blockade meant to place particular pressure on Britain. Although the African ap-

proach to sanctions is far from monolithic, one common scenario emerges from talks with African diplomats and political analysis who believe South Africa's resilience to broad sanctions will be transitory at best, an embargo's impact provoking the sought-after change almost immediately. In order to achieve the optimum effect, they believe, sanctions must at least hold put the promise of being allencompassing. While critical of the European Community package as being too lukewarm, the predominant Af-rican view is that the EEC measures mark a watershed since they appear to have delivered a psychological blow and convinced South Africans

duates to marry.

young people to meet members

of the opposite sex at social events in 100 clubs all over the

The SDS has run a number

of small gatherings, but the director, Miss Ng-Chen Chui Lee, said that virtually all Sin-

gapore parliamentary consti-

tuencies would organize dis-

cos, dancing classes, fishing trips and weekend outings for

single people aged between 20

She expects some 20,000 to

be attracted to the scheme by

African countries are con- tional allies are inevitable. By the same token the West

should not expect the pressure to diminish, since Africans believe the momentum must be grasped and fuelled until the goals are met. Beyond the moral and emo-

tive aspects of the sanctions campaign, the African-construeted scenario of a Pretoria choked by a web of economic penalties helps to explain why majority of the African frontline states whose economies are intertwined with South Africa's seem so committed to punitive measures and have accepted the prospect of debilitating counter-measures from Pretoria with such stoic resignation.

According to an independcni study, South Africa's eco-nomic and military coersion of its neighbours is costing the black-ruled states in excess of \$10 billion (£6.8 million). The frontline countries believe they have a choice of suffering briefly, albeit intensely, from South Africa's wrath in the form of counter-measures or suffering interminably from its dominance.

While Africans have pressed the West for comprehensive sanctions for the past 20 years, the decibel level of their demands reached a new intensity after two recent trends in South Africa which belped to crystallize African thinking and illuminate the practical advantages of bringing to an end a system which they

African diplomats point to the intitiatives taken by South African businesmen to work out the terms of reference for a dialogue between black leaders and the Botha Government after last year's Western freeze on new loans.

Should South Africa be continue to be squeezed, they believe the business community will not tolerate a seige economy but force the Government into negotiations with the African National Congress (ANC) leading to a transfer of power along the Rhodesian model. The past year has also seen

Pretoria's attempt to forge a "pax Africana" founder. The cornerstone of its regional diplomatic ambitions, the Nkomate accord with Mozam-bique, failed in the view of African anlaysis because South Africa continued its support of the Renamo insurgency movement operating against the Government of President Machel, having decided it could not allow Mozambique to flourish for fear that it would escape its hold.

For almost a two-year period of a developing rap-prochement between South Africa and its neighbours, the African call for sanctions was muted. But Pretoria's decision to replace the hand of friend-ship with an iron fist, diplomats say, convinced the frontline states once and for all that their economic and political stability is inherently tied with an end to white minority rule.



reported yesterday.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the groups met on Thursday at Mashhad in Afghanistan.

Afghan siege forces united rebel attacks

ghan rebel groups have agreed to step up attacks against government forces and the Soviet Army in western Afghanistan to ease pressure on several bundred guerrillas besieged by 20,000 troops, the france news agency line

Iran, near the border with

One killed in Bangladesh student riots

Dhaka - One person was killed and more than 100 others were wounded when border guards were called to quell riots between university students and transport workers in northern Bangladesh on Thursday (Ahmed Fazi writes).

attacked a woman student, forced the closure of the university in Rajshahi Town, about 240 mile from Dhaka.



nieces are married to children of one of the

The retrial was ordered last week by the Supreme Court, which said last December's acquittal of the former Armed Forces ebief. General Fabian Ver. 24 other soldiers and a civilian was a "sham".

gunfire for deaths From Viiitha Yapa, Colombo The Citizen's Committee of result of the explosion, one Batticoloa in eastern Sri was electrocuted when a high Lanka yesterday said that 11 tension wire fell on him while civilians died and 30 others the others waiting at the bus were missing after police

Tamils blame police

drove through the town killing indiscriminately. It said the police also set fire

The violence, which erupted after a group of workers planes strafed areas of the

The missing include 23 people who had watched a film at the Rajeswary Theatre and who are alleged to have been held by a police task force. The Citizen's Committee has sent a telegram to President Jayewardene asking for an immediate official The incidents occurred after

car bomb exploded on Thursday near a bus stand. The Citizen's Committee said the blast killed only two civilians; 11 others whose bodies were taken to a mortuary died of bullet wounds. The Government confir-

stop died as a result of the But a press release yesterday

said "terrorists had fired" at a Jeep carrying seven policemen who were injured by the car bomb explosion back to their It is believed some civil-

ians might have been seriously injured or dead as a result of the terrorist fire," it said.
The Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said the explosives had been detonated by remote

control He said that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the most hardline of the five principal extremist groups, ap-

peared to be responsible for the attack. Earlier this week, he toured Batticoloa and told security forces that winning the hearts

med that 13 people died, but and minds of the Tamil elaimed three were burned in civilians was an important a bus which caught fire as a aspect of their work.

that sanctions from tradi- abhor. Chirac setback Top Bulgarians linked to coins fraud Singaporeans on television targets of past decade the coins have been disappearing. By Roger Boyes East European privatization a state Cupid About 12,000 ancient gold, Correspondent From Susan MacDonald Singapore (Reuter) - Singa

pore's state matchmakers said vesterday they were planning The Constitutional Council, a campaign to encourage thou-sands of secondary-school gra-France's highest authority on constitutional matters, has annulled two articles of the Government's broadcasting
Bill which was pushed through
Parliament in August by
means of the guillotine, which Officials at the Government's one-year-old Social Development Section (SDS), said they would invite the

cuts short debate. The two articles concern the rules governing the privatiza-tion of France's main state television channel, TF1, and the re-allocation of two existing private channels.

Paris

The council is worried that the Bill does not guarantee the pluralism of broadcasting and guard against takeovers by large press groups.

A marathon trial in Bul-silver and copper coins are missing from the inventory, including a unique exhibit—a

which diverted gold and silver pieces from one of the world's most valuable coin collections and sold them to private dealers in the West.

Although the court proceedings which ended last week have carefully avoided naming names, it is clear that highlyplaced memebers of the Bulgarian establishment were involved in the frand. Bulgaria is a veritable goldmine for numismatists

with dozens of archeological finds from the 14th century and earlier yielding thousands of unusually well preserved coins and seals.

A elerk of court drawing a colour-coded marble from a "bingo" container during a rafile in Manila yesterday to pick a three-judge

panel. The panel will retry 26 people charged

with killing Mr Benigno Aquino in 1983.

Judge Conrado Molina, who refused to

handle the original trial because of his family

ties with one of the accused, was appointed

missing from the inventory, including a unique exhibit — a silver seal of Tsar Ivan Alexander (1331-1371). When a Western expert wanted to inspect gold coins found in an archeological dig in the village of Malko Topolowo he realized that they

had been replaced by worthless lead takes. For the past six years the museum director, Mr Christo Ivan Dzambalow, has been on trial. His explanation was that the coins were "borrowed" by various important, but un-named people.

Most of them signed re-ceipts but very low values were placed on the coins. One receipt, for example, is for 432 Its objections mean that a new Bill will have to be passed through Parliament this autumn to clarify this point.

Most of them have been coins valued at only 33,725 housed in the archaeological leva (about £11,000) which is museum of Plovdiv, Bulgaria's only a small fraction of the true value.

The Tsar's seal, worth several thousands of pounds, was signed out for 200 leva, or £67. Evidently the signers conveniently lost the borrowed coins and netted a buge profit.

Who waylaid the coins? There is some speculation that the borrowers were friends of the late Mrs Ludmilla Zbivkova, the daughter of Balgarian leader, Mr Todor Zhivkny. For most of the period of the fraud she was in charge of Bulgarian culture, a very active member of the Polithuro and the Culture

She thus carries some of the political responsibility for the fraud even if she did not personally profit from it.

It used in be a common practice in Eastern Europe to borrow pieces of furniture or paintings from museum storerooms and treat them as one's own property. Many of these associated with Mrs Zhivkova - who died mysteriously

and for which the first the form of the first terms of the form of the first terms of th

in 1981 at the age of 39 - were famous for their high living, including shopping trips to Vienna and Paris. The children of Politburo

members have been known to smuggle valuable art works from Bulgaria into Turkey to finance their trips to the West.

Mr Dzambalow, however,
has been extremely discreet throughout his six-year trial. The receipts he has shown in

his defence have been mainly signed by people now dead and the charges against him have been whittled dawn to "wastefulness" and "mis-management of a state Due to lack of evidence, the judges have decided not to put

him in jail, but to fine bim about 112,000 leva (£37,500). That is about 40 years average wages, or the market value of about 10 of the missing coins. The mild sentence suggests that he is reaping the reward of his

WHAT TO DO IF INTEREST ON YOUR **SAVINGS SEEMS TO HAVE** REACHED BOTTOM.

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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Send for Botham

have already signed for another club. Yes, they have agreed terms with Hungerford. Town football lub of the Vauxhall Opel League. Buth are preus good footballers, if a hide long in the toothe Botham's exploits for Scienthorpe and Yeavil have not gone without rouce but Richards trumps that by being the only person to have played in both the cricket and the played in both the cricket and the football world cups; he played for Antigua during the qualifying stages of the football competition. Both have their commitments over the winter, but Hungerford are optimistic that both will be,

able to play regularly in the new year. The club's secretary, Keith Lovitt, said: They are both very keen to play for us, and we would love to have them in the team. They are good players. Their first appearance together should be in a match to celebrate Hungerford's. centenary next Sunday against Somerset cricket club. No one is quite sure on which side Richards and Botham will play.

Stylized

Meanwhile I learn from a poil commissioned by Polaroid that Botham is the 27th most stylish. person in Britain. Only one other sportsman got into the top 50 Sebastian Coe, at 43rd. Fascinating to recount, 60 per cent of Botham's votes came from men under 35, while Coe's support came mainly from over 45s. To put all this in context, the Princes of Wales was first. Prince Charles second and Prince Andrew joint third with Terry Wogan.

Flat broke

How rich and glamorous is the world of racing. Take the glittering line-up for the Bewdley Selfing Stakes at Wolverhampton on Monday Matt McCourt, proud trainer of the winner. Lisakary, said afterwards: That must be the worst race ever run. He had something of a point. It was cleventh time lucky for Lisakaty, The six three-year-olds in the race had between them 36 runs, which included one second and one third. Sporting Life, which gives horses ratings which sometimes go up into the 90s, did not give any rating at all to three of the runners. One was raled at two, and with masterly understatement said to be "disa, w inting", Lisakaty's tri-umph was rewarded with the princely sum of £731.30. This being a selling race, she was offered for sale aftewards at £800. There were no takers.

BARRY FANTONI



Demonballs

An attempt on the century-old record for throwing a cricket ball failed this week when Don Topley of Essex managed only a mere 332ft 1 /m: team mate Keith Pont, who had been expected to get close to the record - 422ft suffered a bout of nerves and was vards below his previous best of the record throw, by Robert Percival. Wisden has long re-corded it as 1884 and the Gunness Book of Records as 1881, but researchers now point to 1882. And how accurate was it? A correspondent was told by his father, who witnessed the throw. that it was paced out rather than measured. Until 1938 Wisden also included a throw by an Australian aborigine called King Billy in 1872. According to the "notable gentleman" who witnessed and measured it he burled in at 427 ft 6 in, but they knocked off the 71's ft because they were using a cotion tape and not a measuring chain. Has poor King Billy been unjustly treated by history? It is up to Kenh Pont to sort the matter out once and for all by throwing 429 R and more. He has resolved to have a crack at it this winter.

Swing low

Why should the devil have all the best games? Northwood Hills Evangelical church in north London converted itself into- an indoor golf driving range for six men are this summer and now chars a concentibe Current or the mattered in Chippen himself Philips ment, there made wheat the gatches and gave advice. The harly were plastic, with holes in. the kind that don't shatter stained glass windows. The aim was to hring non church-goers through the doors. I hope the scheme

nues to succeed. It ought to:

policis know more about praying

ihan most sportsmen.

High, wide and Hanson

fame was as actress Audrey Henburn's fiancé, James, now Lord. Haoson has come a long way. The oft 4m Yorkshireman once made headlines as a debs' delight: today it is said that he buys and sells whole industries at

the flick of his fingers. An exaggeration - but not much. A few days ago, his company, Hanson Trust, sold: Courage, Britain's sixth largest brewers, for £1,400 million. The deal was remarkable on a number of scores. Firstly, Hanson had owned it for a mere five months. Secondly, he

Not many years ago: it would have been politically, socially and financially unacceptable for any aggressive company to mount an ... assault on an enterprise as big. as successful and as well-known as . tmperial with the sole aim of breaking it up for a swift profit... But for Hanson and his col-

than actually running them. It is

leagues, buying and selling bigger and yet bigger companies may have become more important

The official Soviet cultural weekly Sovetskepth Kul'tura has published excerpts from a new play which is expected to be performed by groups all over the Soviet Union in the coming months. It is called Sarcophagas; and its subject is the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

In committing a historical event to drama so soon after its happening, the writer, Vladimir Gibarev, has revived a practice common in the 1920s in the Soviet Union when the revolution and civil war were the subject of plays taken around the country by groups of actors.

The practice went into disuse, largely because the weight of the cultural bureaucracy made it hard to publish, and then stage, quick-reaction works. The publication of the Chernobyl play is tantamount to a statement by the Soviet

tantamount to a statement by the Soviet authorities that change is afoot, both in cultural

John Bell, City Editor, on the tycoon for whom takeovers are a way of life

something that he has learned to do with astonishing success.
Starting with only £150,000 of his family's money - made out of road haulage — he has created a collection of companies here, in Europe and especially in the US that together rank among Britain's higgest half dozen corporate empires. Anyone who put £1,000 into his first venture in 1964 would now be sitting on £500,000.

ourable price. Thirdly, the deal represents a deliberate break-up of one of the country's best-known businesses, Imperial Group.

Not many years ago. of boredom, during the heyday of stock market operators like Jim Slater and Sir James Goldsmith. He seemed to have a penchant for boring companies in well-estab-lished industries, provided that they had surplus assets available for sale, generated liberal amounts of cash, and showed a reasonable return on capital during the ups and downs of a business cycle. So while others became stained with the label "asset-stripper",

Hanson quietly ran solid manu-

who question orders:

facturing husinesses like bricks. batteries and engineering prod-ucts. But towards the end of the 1970s the takeovers and sales became bigger and more frequent... And as the targets became greater and more grand, so did the profits.

Perhaps the greatest coup to date was the takeover in January of the US conglomerate SCM, best know in Britain for its typewriters. for \$930 million. Hanson Trust immediately began carving it up at an immense profit. By selling the SCM paint operation to ICI and other minor disposals. Hanson has recouped the whole of the purchase price. In other words, in a matter of months, Hanson has gamed control of a major office equipment and chemicals company at almost no cost.

After the sale of Courage with its 5,000 pubs, the scoresheet on the break-up of Imperial is looking almost as remarkable. For a net cost of £1,000 million, Hanson has companies which last year made profits of about £200 mil-

lion — superb going by City standards.

With its balance sheet immensely strengthened by all these disposals, there is hardly a business in the UK which Hanson could not afford to buy. Corporate

finance experts now reckon that with its current cash and borrowing facilities, a bid of over £4,000 million is possible. But in the City there is increas-

Lord Hanson and his closest supporters defend their record

Until then the jury is out.

Against the conventions that have been broken, however, many have been upheld. The uneducated people, the peasant woman, the general's driver and the power station worker

station): You were not at the

power station at the time, is that

Head: I could not get back in time,

But I was there at the beginning. Procurator: Did you realize what

Head: I got out. You under-

stand ... Procurator: I know that your

grandehildren were at home, by

themselves, and you got in your car, picked up the grandchildren and went. You understood

better than anybody what had happened. Yet the very next morning there were children play-ing football outside. And people

were selling fresh cucumbers on

the streets...Let me ask you

something quite different. I have

seen your papers. At school, at the

institute, you weren't especially bright. But you were the only one

of your group to become director

of a power station. The others didn't make it. Why?

Head: I worked. Probably harder

than the others, so I got ahead.

Don't worry. I didn't have any "helping hand". Papa is not a minister, my mother-in-law is a

worker. No one helped me. I did it

Procurator: Bul why was the

previous head of the power station

Head: Everyone knows. He had

four reprimands for disobeying in-

Procurator: But they talk about

him with respect, affection even.

Head: I know hut he was a

Procurator: Of course. He didn't

obey all his orders. He challenged

them. Incidentally, he was dead

Head: I didn't object, but I made

requests, wrote letters, I worked through the usual channels. And I

didn't get any reprimands. Is that

Procurator: But your predecessor

had four - and not a single serious.

Incident. You had none, and an

against accepting reactor No 4.

Why didn't you object?

all by myself.

difficult character.

accident . . ; .

structions.

Head: Nearly. In general.

Procurator: And you left?

correct?

had happened?

Chernobyl - which in Russian means a variety

are sympathetically drawn and show most n sense after the accident. While posing questions about how Soviet society is organized and functions, the play can

in no way be regarded as subversive. Rather, it harnesses many of the points Mikhinil Gorbachov and others have been making in the wake of the accident the calls for more openness - but not too much - and the recognition: that the authorities have a

policy and in policy on information. Inquest on Chernobyl

What is unusual about the published excerpts

of the play (which may not be true when the complete version becomes available) is the

complete version becomes available) is the absence of the exaggerated heroic tone common torso many Soviet press reports of the disaster. There is criticism and pessimism. The pre-eminence of science in Soviet society (embodied in the figure of the physicist) is called into question. So is a system which demands speed before responsibility, and prefers officials predictable in their dailness and loyalty to those who question orders:

Even in the short published excerpts there

are allusions to cowardice and attempted coverare anastons to cowardice and attempted cover-ups and public ignorance about the dangers of radiation. The peasant woman's references to wormwood and gall and the apocalypse are based in fact. Rumours about the imminent end

Scene: The experimental section of the Institute of Radiation Safety. A large reception orea with 0 number of numbered cubicles behind.

Alert. Red lights come on the diston wail of a siren.

Anna Petrovna (on the phone). Impossible! How many I don't believe it! We thought it was only a practice. Yes, all three, of us are here fouts the three of us are here, (puts the phone down). An accident at reactor No 4 at the atomic power. station. A bad fire. Several dozen people hurt. Some with radiation burns. They'll be here in a few minutes ... (to her assistants) it's a red alert ... No, not war ... An explosion at an atomic reactor. No. not an atomic explosion. The red background gets brighter

and brighter, Sergeyev, enters for lowed by two workers carrying o stretcher. A driver follows them. Sergeyev (to the driver): How do Driver: All right.

Driver. Only for a moment . . Anna Petrovna (to Sergeyer): He's got a slight rash on bis face. How much has he had? Sergever: 1 don't know. He was

waiting for his boss - a general inthe Internal Police - at reactor No 4. He waited three hours. There. was as much as 500 roentgen an hour in places.

Assistant: Why did he wait? Sergeyev: He was waiting for his boss. He had to. boss. He had to. Assistant: But: there was radi-

Sergeyev: My dear, radiation has. no smell and no colour. And thebosses are used to being where the

Enter Aunt Klava, o peasant woman; a physicist and several Sergeyev: So there was an explo-

sion after all? Ptitsyna: Of course. It's just that some people need to prove there wasn't, that there was only a fire. Sergeyev: Is there really such a big

Ptitsyna: A vast difference. An explosion counts as a crime, but a fire is just negligence. That is why the procurator was on the scene immediately. Mind you, for them (turning to the cubicles) it doesn't

matter any more. Klava: I've got to get back to my house ... Dashka the cow hasn't been milked. Assistant: Don't worry. That'll be

looked after. Klava: The nens haven't been fed. There was only me and Dashka. And she hasn't been milked

... she'll die. Assistant: I'll phone to ask someone to milk her. Of course, I will Klava: And have them feed the hens as well. Dashka's all I have She's old and sick, hut she feeds me . . . They told me there would be wormwood . . . and the river water would turn bitter . . . Assistant: Wormwood ... rivers

flowing with gall . . . Is she deliri-Ptitsyna: It's the apocalypse. You start thinking about God and the

Assistant: How did she get here? Pritsyna: There was fall-out from the reactor. She was working in her garden. The cow was nearby... and the liens. The doses they got were fifty times above the danger. level. Everything was dying, but the hens seemed not to be affected + except that they became very aggressive. Started attacking the rather in the

אוספט דיי ביים יות וויי ויים אותו 114 Pritoma: Don't Don't tell her. Dashka and all the other livestock in the zone were slaughtered. It had to be done, The general comes out of his

General: The water here is dreadful. I washed my hair, combed it: and it's coming out in clumps... (to the physicist): It's



all your fault, you physicists. You think atomic energy is the future of civilization ... bombs, reactors, power stations. . . . you've invented them all.

Physicist: Why are you blaming us? A reactor is a miracle. But you have to treat it properly. It can. take a lot, but there's a limit. Just like there is with people.

General: What do you mean? Physicist: I could be wrong, but I think the safety system was shut off by someone.

General: But who? Physicist: That is a very difficult question.... Driver: Some senior official.

Physicist: Yes. An ordinary operator couldn't take that decision by himself.
The stage dorkens. The red-flame hurus even thore brightly.

Radiation monitor: I had no idea how much radiation they had been exposed to. I thought it was less, but it was 200

Procurator: Do you not have a duplicate set of machines? Manitor: Where could we get them from? The ones we had had been repaired over and over again. and they were about 30 years old. Procurator: But it was a new. power station, only ten years old. Monitor: That's neither here nor there. Our machines came from a warehouse somewhere. They were sent to us rather than being written off. We coped, so long as there wasn't an accident. We mended and made do. And we were well organized. Commissions from Moscow came to check: They always found everything io order. Operator: You may not have known what was going on. But I know. I saw the graphite red-hot. Pieces were falling on the floor of the reactor. They were bright blue and glowing. Even without your. moters it was clear that it was not 20, not 200, but 1,000. Can I ask. something. When did they evacuate the town?

Procurator: On Sunday. In two and a half bours flat. They got a. thousand buses and took everyone Operator: But why didn't they

announce it right away on the radio? Procurator: They were waiting for the government commission. Operators Why? Would it have decided something different? Why

Procurator: No one could take the decision. Operator: Couldn't, or wouldn't? Procurator: Didn t. Operator: You ought to be asking

why they didn't, not guizzing us. one of them, According to the The problem was we were always in a hurry, we pledged to have the regulations everyone at the fire reactor finished three months station must be provided with it. early, and in operation two days General says nothing. Head of power station: No one: early. We asked four times for new meters: hut no one was in any thought it would be needed; it was hurry at the top . . . The builders rushed the whole thing through. Procurator: You mean you were Underneath the reactor you'll find economizing? General: I refuse to answer that hunks of concrete. a couple of mechnical diggers, and all for the question: Procurator (in head of power sake of some sort of award. Who

needs that sort of speed? ... Procurator (to the general): It was your signature on the document accepting reactor No 4, wasn't it? General: Not only No 4, all of them. I have worked here for:15 years. .

Procurator: Did you know about the fire in the textile factory in Bukhara twelve years ago? General: It is a textbook case . . . Procurator: Yes or no? General: Of coorse.

Procurator: The roof was made of easily inflammable material. It burned in five or six minutes. The guilty parties were punished. General: Yes, but ...

Procurator: Why did you sign the acceptance documents when the was made of the same material and you knew that it was forbidden to use that material in industrial projects? General: I objected . . . I told the

heads of the ministry. Procurator: But you still signed? General: But you know what level a power station is accepted at? My signature was a pure formality. Procurator: The fire in the maehine-room was no formality. It went up like gunpowder. That sort of roof was banned twelve vears ago. Why was it used? Head: There was a lot of it in the warehouse. We had a deadline to

General: If I had not signed, sorncone else would have done. Or do you only sign things you can sign with a clear conscience? Procurator: Were you told that

there was not just a fire but an explosion as well? enerali it was hard to find out immediately.

Procurator: Oid you inform the relevant people about the explosion? Yes or no? General: 1 called the Ukraine Council of Ministers. I was told:

Fear makes everything seem bigger. Mind your own business; your own business is putting the fire out as quickly as possible." So that's what I did. Procurator: Why did the firemen

ing unease. Is this recent success real, or is it the hyper-activity of a strategy which demands bigger and more frequent takeovers, closures and disposals? Does it really benefit the economy; and where might Hanson-style mega-bids and mega-breakups lead if allowed untrammelled freedom?

stoutly on the grounds that they are merely tudentifying under-priced or under-utilized industrial assets, and that companies joining the group benefit considerably from the Hanson treatment. The judgement of history must

wait until Hanson and his longstanding partner, Sir Gordon White — both in their sixties — hand over the reins to others.

of plant akin to wormwood - circulated widely in the Soviet Union after the accident.

By ruthlessly ignoring all considerations of genuine aptitude, and concentrating instead on the gimmicks and flaws and comically predictable habits of

One hilarious insight is that a multiple choice question is merely one that the average person gets wrong. The test writer's challenge is to make sure the average person gets it wrong, rather than getting it. right at random or right for the

wrong reason.

The cirly practical way to do.
this is by putting in so-called

Michael Kinsley

A cynic's guide to passing exams

American high school students take a half-day exam called the scholastic aptitude test (SAT). The principal test for admission to university; the SAT is roughly equivalent to the British A-level, with two interesting differences.

with two interesting differences.
First, it is composed and administered; not by any government authority, hut by a private concern called the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which runs exams for everything from private preparatory school admission to certification as a professional

Second, unlike the A-level, the SAT is completely multiple-choice and graded by computer. This is a practical necessity, but it is also entral to the elaim that the SAT is "objective": Despite ETS's protestations that the SAT. "is not a test of some inborn and unchanging capacity", the cultural consen-sus is that the SAT ranks everyone in America on a brainpower scale from 200 to 800.

Few college admissions actually turn on SAT scores. The real social function of the SAT is as a ritual celebration of America's: treasured belief in itself as a

ful. Its questions, answers, and score calculations were beyond challenge. In that year, New York State passed a so-called "truth-intesting" law giving outsiders access to £15's questions and allegedly correct answers. That began a process of demystification which culminated this month with publication of Cracking the Sys-tein, by Adam Rohlisson and John Katzman, inventors of an SAT coaching course called the Prince-ton Review.

SAT coaching has become big business. What is so, subversive about the Princeton Review is that it starts from the premise that SAT measures nothing important. Rather, it's simply a test of how good you are at taking ETS tests."

mind that are hult into every ETS exam; the authors claim to produce dramatic increases, in students' scores.

right, but aren't. For mechanical reasons, the questions in each section of the test start out "easy" and get "hard". The trick, therefore, is to look for the obvious answer and choose it if the question is near the beginning of the section, but eliminate it if it is

near the ende-For example, one possible and swer to a maths question is oftent "It cannot be determined from the information given." If the question is near the end, you can be sure this is the wrong answer. If the question is near the beginning it has a 50-50 chance of being

That's just one way to use? knowledge of how the test works to outsmart its attempt to measure. anything else. Even funnier is the anything else. Even runner is an advice for answering questions on reading comprehension, which consist of a passage followed by

questions about it.
You should not attempt tounderstand the passage too thorshould not try to comprehend should not try to comprehence it. the authors advised Just go, through and circle words like "but", "although", "however", "yet", "despite", etc. Seventy percent of the answers are "hidden", behind words like these that reverse the logical flow of a sentence.

After accusations of cultural bias in the 1960s; ETS began, adding an ethnic passage to each SAT. Don't even read it, says. Princeton Review. "The tone of the ethnic passage is invariably a positive or inspirational. Answers choices that express negative or unflattering opinions about min-

climinated." Likewise anything negative about professional or cultural types. "You would be exceedingly" unlikely to find an SAT reading. passage about uncaring doctors ruthless lawyers or unscrupulous scientists."

Cracking the System is subversive on both the practical and the intellectual levels. As a practical matter, the secrets available for \$9.95 in this book will wreak? havoc with the test results. # Intellectually, these secrets under-mine the pretension that the SAT measures anything important.

The best you can say for this monument to meritocracy; after-Cracking the System, is that it tests a certain animal cumping that may be a better measure of future success in American society than ETS style aptitude, anyway. The author is editor of New Republic. He will be writing on this page every formight.

Woodrow Wyatt

Calling up an SDP winner

much sympathy for it and was: almost tempted to support it. Most of its founders were old friends who shared my view that the Labour Party in the years to come was irretrievably lost to the extreme left. It was not the social democrat party of Attlee of Gaitskell: even the party of Harold Wilson could make some claim to. containing the Militants, Marxists, and Trotskyists who, after the next election, will dominate the Par-

liamentary Labour Party. Britain, broadly, is a moderatecountry, with a vaguely Conservative half and a vaguely left half. By its extremism Labour had. clearly begun to forfeit the support of the latter. The SDP, I hoped, would take over from Labour the representation of those who are not normally Conservative, though often inclined to vote that way, and offer the electorate a solid social democratic party — one which the West German equivalent used to be striving. with the support of the unions, to create more wealth before dis-tributing what was in the kitty.

hus weakening the prospects of the nation becoming richer. It is not working out like that The SDP is sound on trade union reform and, more or less, on defence. But it has been badly bitten by the redistribution bug, convinced that sharing out static wealth is better than making it grow. In the US the Democratic arty, with some parallels to the SDP, has welcomed the Reaganadministration's new tax proposals, under which most would. pay no more than 15 per cent of their income and no ooe would pay more than 28 per cent. Americans realize that the more millionaires there are the more the standard of living will rise throughout the nation. It was predictable that Labour would oppose this reasoning but it is

near fatal for the SDP to do so. The SDP's grandiose scheme for raising £7 billion extra revenue for redistribution to the poorer may have superficial appeal. David Owen proclaims that it will touch the conscience of the nation. He is obviously affected by opinion polls suggesting that people are prepared to pay more tax if the money goes on various aspects of social welfare. That is dreamland Everyone likes to be thought good natured when the question is posed but, faced with the reality of what it would mean to them, they

react differently.

However much the SDP tries to put a gloss on the proposal, the public is getting the point that many ordinary voters would pay a late more. As the Guardin n pointed

When the SDP was launched I had out on Thursday, a two-child family with the man earning £8,000 a year and his wife £4,000 a year would find themselves £2000 out of pocket. Those families where the man works but the wife. stays at home would not be disadvantaged until they got to £17,000, after which they would be clobbered. Working couples would suffer at all levels. It all smacks...of the old, unpopulari redistribution policies which shufwithout giving the incentive to increase them and the nation's

Higher taxes would force up wages and inflation. The public is aware that a compulsory moomest policy - the SDP's proposed cures - would be as disastrous as any

previous incomes policies.

Then, who is to be leader? The Alliance cannot bring itself to say in advance of the election. David Steel is seen as more lightweight than Neil Kinnock, Alliance vot-ers would prefer Owen. But there are certain to be more Liberal MPs. in the next Parliament than SDP. so Owen would have to be Number Two.

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I sense that for the time being the SDP and the Alliance have reched their peak and are slipping. ephemeral. They are as inaccurate a guide to general election results as the poll question "Which party? would you vote for if there were as general election tomorrow?". As, there is no general election tomorrow, the average respondent cannot grasp the mood he would be in if there were; his reply is in-fluenced by irritation with some aspect of the government's policy he dislikes, or by a passing distaste.

for the prime minister:
As the election approaches there will be a failing away from the Alliance with many feeling that free enterprise is safer in Mrs. Thatcher's hands than those of anyone else. Average earnings are: rising by 8.4 per cent while inflation stands at 2.4 per cent. And many unemployed, with their black economy earnings, are not noticeably dissatisfied with the present arrangements.

If Owen and Steel were to dosomething dramatically new their standing could improve. For instance, every opinion poll shows overwhelming support for a form of national service to instil discipline among the increasingly unruly young. That would be an election winner. Mrs Thatcher is, afraid to risk it. With so little to lose and so much to gain why should Owen be fearful? On his present course he may not do as well at the next election as he did;

in 1983.



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DISASTER IN THE AIR

contribute to the loss of life

since anyone still inside the

fusillage after two minutes had

either died or suffered in-

It is plain from the catalogue

of events revealed in the

coroner's court that unforesee-

able mishaps rather than er-

rors were by far the main causes of this tragedy. It was simply not known beforehand,

for instance, that a light cross-

wind could cause such fromble

in the event of a plane's being

on fire. Now, however, it is

known and British Airways

pilots have instructions to take

the direction of the wind.

however light, into account

revealed, however. The first

was that some hydrants at the

airport were dry. The coroner

yesterday, pointing out that this failure had fortuitiously not caused any loss of life, declined to "ferret out" the

individual responsible but

allocated broad responsibility

between the city engineer's

office, the airports authority

and the contractors working

there. Since lives might have

been lost because of such an

oversight, the three bodies

must publicly demonstrate that nothing similar could

Secondly, one exit door

failed because the lanyard

intended; to release the

passenger's escape chuteafter

the door was fully open,

actually released it too soon

and jammed the exit. Tests

have since shown that the

OCCUT Again.

Three human errors were.

retrievable poisoning.

When the British Airways 737: that three hydrants contained jet crashed last August at neither water nor foam.
Manchester eventually taking According to medical evthe lives of 53 passengers and idence, however, that did not two stewardesses, it was at first thought to be a survivable incident. As the coroner pointed out yesterday, there was no crash impact, no violent movement and no damage to the aircraft's interior such as to make the evacuation of passengers difficult or impossible. Moreover, as he also pointed out, both crew and rescuers behaved

with conspicuous courage. What caused the appalling loss of life was an unpredictable and almost unbelievable succession of accidents, errors and mishaps. As the plane was taxing to take off, a repaired combustion can ruptured in the engine and burst through an under wing access panel allowing hundreds of gallons of fuel to spray onto the hot engine. That caused an explosion and a fire that spread to the rest of the aircraft.

The captain, hearing the sound but thinking it was a burst tyre, aborted the take-off - a decision he made in 0.7 of a second - and taxied off the. runway. This put the plane in way of a light crosswind which drove smoke and fire back into the plane's interior, blinding and choking the passengers.

The confusion inside was worsened when inflammable seating material caught fire, giving off toxic fumes, and one exit door jammed. Despite that the crew, including two stewardesses who died in the attempt, helped 82 people to escape from the plane. Firemen arrived only a minote after the crash, but they found

lanyard works perfectly if the **FAIR EXCHANGE?**

disbanded. Five weeks before

the new more competitive

trading system starts in the

almost unrecognizable.

merchant banks.

big bang", the Exchange is

Only one of the leading

firms has remained indepen-

dent. Most are controlled ei-

ther by British and foreign

banks or by new financial

houses, often built around

dividual as voting member (as

already, in many cases, as partner with personal liability).

was occasioned by the equal

merger of the Stock Exchange

with the loternational Securi-

ties Regulatory Organization,

an infant grouping set up by firms outside the Exchange to

regulate their activities under

the new Financial Services

Bill. The majority were over-

seas houses, predominantly American and Japanese, which

could not have hoped to enter

should agree to such a merger,

barely conceivable to most of

its members only a year ago, is

a reflection of the new prior-

ities. Britain needed to have a

single unified market if it was

to compete with other finan-

cial centres io the new elec-

tronic era of twenty-four hour

worldwide trading which has

already engulfed currency and

international bond markets

and is rapidly taking over the

That the Stock Exchange

the old club.

The departure of the in-

Most of Britain shares two preconceptions about the City of London. One is that finance pulls the strings of industry rather than serving it. There is certainly some truth in that. The other is that the stockbrokers and merchant bankers go about their traditional bowler-hatted ways, enjoying short working days, long lunches and the protection of a cosy club while insisting that productive industry should change, cut jobs and over-

heads, and work harder. That has changed to a far greater degree than is, even now, generally imagined. The City revolution, though conceived in expansion rather than decline and covered in money rather than blood, is as comprehensive as anything experienced in the great industrial centres.

Only three years ago, the Stock Exchange agreed to abandon fixed commissions on stock and share dealing in return for the dropping of an action in the Restrictive Practices Court. At the time, many individual members thought their council leaders, notably the Stock Exchange chairman Sir Nicholas Goodison, had gone too far. Votes on subsequent reforms were strongly

contested. The logic and momentum of change has proved so strong, however, that earlier this week, the Stock Exchange Council effectively agreed to reconstitute the Exchange, shedding the right of individual members to voting cootrol. The club is about to be

A Spanish tax inspector, it is

reported, boarded a Mediterra-

nean cruise ship incognito, to

check, on behalf of the fiscal

authorities, whether returns

made by the cruise company,

in respect of food and drink

consumed, tallied with the reality. No doubt feeling that if

he wore his normal business

suit he would lack conviction,

he donned his brightest holi-

Two things followed

quickly. First, his disguise

proved to be inadequate; he

was unmasked immediately.

Second, it turned out the ship

had a substantial complement

of British holiday-makers

Merrily (at least we presume

it was merrily) they compelled

him to walk the plank; more-

over, when he had walked it,

and was swimming round and

round, doubtless wondering

what to do next, some of the

merrier girls on board dived in

after him and merrily removed

his shorts, having earlier re-

moved the top half of their

The inspector thought it best

not to attempt to complete the

voyage, swam to the nearest

beach, and made his way home

bathing costumes.

aboard.

day garb and went aboard.

dealing in shares of the world's leading companies. The new Stock Exchange will be run by the firms that

will constitute its membership, many ultimately controlled mixed blessing. **FOURTH LEADER**

trouserless; a sadder and a wiser man, he rose the morrow

We ask our readers to believe that we think the behaviour of the passengers was outrageous and indefensible. A tax inspector has a necessary and important job to do, and if he is an unpopular figure it is doubly unfair, for it is not he who imposes the taxes he is obliged to collect. The more we think about it, the more shocked we are. Only, and much to our embarrassment, we keep finding ourselves looking out of the window and starting to

There is something in the picture of a trouserless tax inspector swimming for dear life which brings out the worst, or at the least the most irresponsible, in us.

A man comes to check the accounts, and shortly afterwards is seen trying to thumb a lift from a passing dolphin; he goes to great pains to find the brightest pair of Bermuda shorts the local boutiques can supply, and is obliged to go home without them, and indeed without any certainty that his superiors will agree

were the old divisions of function to minimize conflicts of interest. The much-delayed Financial Services Bill will eventually put a new systematic framework of supervised self-regulation in their place. More important, perhaps, is whether individuals will stick to the principle rather than merely the -sometimes indefinite - letter of the law as their loyalty switches to fiercely competing The City has every chance of

becoming again the most successful financial centre in the world. It will certainly be able to give iovestors and companies a much more efficient service, just as the changes in manufacturing industry have transformed efficiency. As in the boardrooms of industry, however, the par-lours of finance will have to develop a new but just as strong sense of personal morality and responsibility if the change is to be more than an

that the money he paid for them was incurred wholly, necessarily and exclusively in the pursuit of his official duties. (And if not, what about his insurance company? Most insurance companies would call that an Act of God, and they wouldn't confine themselves to our modest giggle, either; guffaws would be the

order of the day.) We have never actually thought that the sight of a fat man, even one wearing a tophat, falling over on a bananaskio was funny. But we can accept the metaphor, and we suppose that the thought of a taxmao suffering hideous wounds to his dignity is the most extreme form of it.

The taxman represents inescapable necessity, he embodies scrupulous respectability. he symbolizes the world of the iot and tittle. And now he has been pushed into the sea and debagged; is nothing sacred?

Probably not. This episode can be regarded as a further indication that mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, or as a welcome break in the gloomy news; as we have hinted, we tend to hold both views simultaneously meanwhile, simultaneously meanwhile, organisation has been reduced by the taxman cometh, and goeth. 22 per cent in the last two years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Because the prosecution process

in this country has never been

concerned directly with sentenc-

ing of offenders, no Crown

representation was present in

court to draw the judges' attention

to these precedents during this

The merits or otherwise of this

situation are a corollary to the

Government's recently rejected

flotation of whether or not the Crown should have a right to

However, if clubs and governing

bodies prove unable to eradicate gratuitous field violence and its

shocking example in hero-

worshipping youngsters, this source and the corresponding legal precedents and principles should now be pinpointed as the key to

avoiding further prosecutions of

should not weaken the US stance

at any forthcoming summit but

rather invite sympathy for such failures to achieve agreement with

the Soviet side as are bound to

Not much light is refracted from

the murky espionage world, but imaginatively John Le Carre's

novels have reminded us to

appreciate concern for an individ-

ual whenever it occurs, if rarely to

expect it from either side. For once

the United States has done better

LESLEY CHAMBERLAIN,

Pollution processes

Sir, I can understand the Minister

of the Environment wishing to

publicize the Government's de-cision to fit scrubbers to three

power-stations io Britain, Mr

Waldegrave is inaccurate, how-

ever, in saying (report, September

12) that these are the first scrub-

bers to be fitted to British power

Battersea was required by law to

fit'a scrubber in the late 1920s.

the flue gases from Fulham power

station were scrubbed by the

Howdon-ICI process in the 1930s

(bombed during the war and never replaced) and a half-chimney wet

scrubber producing ammonium sulphate and elemental sulphur

was fitted to a power-station in the

Midlands in the 1950s. I believe that the Reinluft process, using a semi-coke for dry scrubbing, was tried out in the 1960s on the half-

It seems to me that these

processes having proved un-

satisfactory for one reason or

differently shaped - wheel; let us

hope that it is more successful this

allowing one of their military

greats to suffer such an indignity.

trideed this country, 140 years previously, had granted the family of Lord Nelson £5,000 pa in

perpetuity. This only came to an

end in 1951.

As a nation we cannot really expect people of the right calibre

to come forward for public service

if this is the treatment they can expect. Things are better arranged

now, I know, but this particular

should not go unrecorded and

Sir, A very beautiful memorial

already exists in the RAF chanel in

Westminster Abbey. The Battle of

Britain stained glass window is a fitting tribute to "The Few". Furthermore, Downling and Tren-

5 London Road, Arundel, Sussex.

and the number of conferences

2. It is commonly recognized that

the fees paid by Unesco to its

auditors (who have formerly been

employees of the British Govern-

ment) should benefit a member

pation. British authorities did not

expect to continue to profit from

Unesco in this way after withdrawing from the

organisation, despite the efforts in

some quarters to manufacture

synthetic indignation on the sub-

iect. Your Correspondent fails to

mention that Pakistan's Auditor-

General has now offered to take

3. Your Correspondent is surely

aware that delegates from Unesco, as from other UN bodies and international organisations, tra-

ditionally attend meetings of the

OAU and of the non-aligned movement it is in our view

scurrilous to imply, as she does,

over as Unesco's Auditor.

chard are each buried there.

piece of bureaucratic meanner

unpublished

DOWDING,

Yours faithfully,

House of Lords.

Yours faithfully,

held is to be cut.

AUDREY ROBERTS.

From Dr A. F. Roberts

another, what we are now seeing is

a reinvention of a - poss

chimney scale.

Yours faithfully.

PETER C. G. ISAAC,

10 Woodcroft Road.

Wylam, Northumberland.

From Professor P. C. G. Isaac

2 Daysbrook Road, SW2.

players.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, EDWARD GRAYSON,

4 Paper Buildings,

Temple, EC4. September 18.

than you say.

Yours faithfully

September 15.

week's hearing.

Prison sentences for rugby violence

From Mr Edward Grayson Sir, The Court of Appeal's confirmation of David Bishop's door is opened slowly and prison sentence, albeit suspended, carefully, fails if the door is for rugby field violence (report. opened hastily. Since the plane September 18) directs attention to was on fire, haste was the order two crucial but separate issues of the day and door jammed. which may be easily overlooked. One concerns the wider issue of procedure on criminal appeals; the The final error was the most other is the legal position of clubsand committees on sporting visent out letters notifying airolence.

significant. Pratt and Whitney,

the engine manufacturers, had

lines that three minor faults

commooly experienced with

similar engines could indicate

more serious flaws within the

combustion can. And, in fact,

these minor faults had been

detected and rectified in 17

incidents over eighteen

months on the port engine that eventually exploded. But be-

cause that port engine was fitted with the latest modified

can, British Airways officials

believed that the minor in-

cidents did not indicate the

more serious flaws which they

believed were a risk only in engines with the unmodified

can. These 17 faults, in retro-

spect, should have alerted

British Airways to a possible

risk.
It is a macabre thought that

the progress of safety in air

transport has often been ad-

vanced by the evidence col-lected following major air

crashes. Twelve major recom-

mendations to improve air-

craft safety have already been

made by the Civil Aviation

Authority in the light of the

Manchester crash. The dan-

gers of inflammable scating

material have also been

pointed out to those respon-

sible for manufacturing busses

and cars which have a far

greater chance of being in-

volved in a fire. It is sad that

these advances for the rest of

us should have come at so high

from New York, Zurich or

Tokyo. It is an imaginative

and far-sighted concept. But

where does it leave the in-

dividual? Many stockbrokers,

young and old, are much

wealthier and have unimagined corporate career

opportunities - but mostly as

The responsibility of the

individual to his client and to

his fellow club members, sym-

bolized by face to face trading

and the principle that my word

is my bond, were just as much

a part of the old system, as

employees.

During the course of counsel's. address to the Court of Appeal on behalf of Bishop it became clear that the overworked judges in the criminal division had not been assisted as they should have been by the staff behind the scenes. Sporting violence, happily, does not come before the courts as often as it could if every playing field assault were prosecuted. Nevertheless, two landmark decisions are available to anyone

concerned to trace them.
In one, the first-ever recorded prosecution of a rugby player for a field offence, a South Wales jury convicted a player who broke an opponent's leg in a game. He received a 9-months suspended

sentence (R v Billinghurst, 1978).
The other was the first-ever custodial sentence imposed upon a player for an offence on a rugby field. At Croydon Crown Court the player was sentenced to six months, reduced on appeal to two months (R * Gingell, 1980). The injuries were more serious, but the principle of a custodial sentence for field violence was established.

Daniloff affair From Ms Lesley Chamberlain

Sir, The .US compromised its stronger political position over the Zakharov-Daniloff affair to en-sure that an individual deeply strained by his detention without trial was transferred from a Soviet prison, where he now accuses his keepers of mental torture.

If the decision to equate his case with that of the spy Zakharov was taken for purely humanitarian reasons, to release him from unnecessary suffering, as US spokesmen maintain, then con-trary to your editorial (September 15) it does matter, because it reveals a redeeming sense of priority and a pattern of behaviour markedly superior to the

BBC building plan From the President of the Royal

Institute of British Architects Sir, There is growing interest, curiosity and concern about the BBC's plans for the White City. Stuart Lipton wrote to you on this subject (August 23). The BBC is a uniquely_important cultural institution and it should continue to set a good example to the nation and to the world in its architec-

tural patronage.
I appreciate that the White City development must take place within stringent conditions of time and cost; there are also specialised operational requirements affecting the total plans with which the first administrative phase must conform. However, these constraints need not iohibit the appointment of an outstanding architect with the authority to see through a distinguished and

coherent solution. The Royal Institute has serious misgivings (which are wholly shared by the Royal Fine Art Commission) about the way the Corporation appear to be setting about things. It must be hoped they will still find it possible to get it right.

ours faithfully, L. A. L. ROLLAND, President, Royal Institute of British Archi-

66 Portland Place, W1. **Battle of Britain**

From Lord Dowding Sir, I read with great interest and welcome, of course, today's letters from Dr Briau Porter and Air Commodore Chisholm, and have some grounds for hope that a suitable permanent memorial will one day soon be forthcoming. I write to protest mildly against the evident English belief that

recognition, 16 years after death, in some way compensates the individual concerned for the ingratitude shown to him during life. I think that my father, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding (1882-1970), would like to have been romoted "Marshal of the Royal Air Force", and this indeed would have carried concomitant financial advantage. But in the event this consid-

erable public figure was retired nn a pension not far exceeding £1,500 pa, and this in the days preceding indexation. His later years were clouded by financial insufficiency. I cannot imagine the USA

Reform of Unesco From the Director of the United

Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Sir. As an association which is genuinely concerned to see Unesco become a more streamlined, a more democratic and a less bureaucratic organisation, we would make the following comments on Diana Geddes' report on Unesco reform (September 10). 1. All member-states have been

consulted about the organization's priorities via a questionnaire, the results of which will be presented to the current meeting of the executive board by the Director-General. Nearly 28 per cent of Unesco programme activities are to be decentralized in 1986 and programme execution is on target for 1986; "paperflow" within the

On hostile terms with the police

From Mr D. C. T. Frewer Sir, Your leader on the St Paul's riot (September 13) criticised those who regard the arrival of police in their local community with hostility but failed to take into account the physical remoteness of the police from most people. This is an unfortunate, nay dangerous, result of modern police management practices.

Policemen are now increasingly appeal against lenient sentences and, thereby, whether it should be based in large, centralised stations; in attendance to assist the court travel around in cars or on upon an appeal by convicted powerful motor-cycles whilst wearing in the latter case forbidding-looking uniforms and equip-The other issue concerns the extent to which the selection ment; and are often seen on foot only in large groups. The super-ficial analogy with the armed committee and coaches who choose (albeit unwittingly) violent. offenders against the laws of a game, should also be considered for indictments or charges in the forces becomes ever more obvious and their separateness from us as individuals ever more real. criminal courts, and liable for damages in the civil courts. Hitherto such a concept could have been dismissed as fanciful.

One answer to this social alienation must be a return to locally-based policing by bobbies on their beat or foot, in all localities, not just a few. Budget priorities should be changed to getting more man-power on the ground in all manors", rather than more equipment.

A few years ago we lived in Tokyo where the police have all sorts of sophisticated equipment and their riot squads are menac-ingly efficient but where they put great emphasis on the "Koban small police boxes manned at all times by one or two policemen with a bicycle — which are located in every small ward. Those policemen have to know their "manor" KGB's hostage-taking of an irritat-ing veteran Moscow journalist. In the eyes of the world this and visit every home in it at least once a year. As a result "ask a policeman" is still a natural attitude there. Yours faithfully

D. C. T. FREWER, Windrush Lodge, Middleton Park, Middleton Stoney. Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire,

Hungry for Christ

From Mrs Nerissa Jones Sir, There is much more fundamental agreement between the Bishops of Birmingham and Dur-ham than the title "Why Durham is wrong" (article, September 13) would suggest. They both agree that God is neither a triumphalist worker of "laser-like" miracles, nor an interventionist in the natural world.

In relation to famine, however, Bishop Monteliore unfortunately seems to give the impression that individual human suffering has a lesser importance in the larger scheme of human salvation on the cosmic-level. He writes:

Famine is terrible indeed for those who suffer or die from it. But is not eternal salvation in the end more important? Is the higher priority given to food a sign of a socularised

The blunt answer to both questions is "No". The higher priority given to food is on the contrary a sign of a Church becoming more aware of how an incarnational belief hallows the total human

individual here on earth. If the Bishop had been much with people starving to death, as I have too many times, it would have been indelibly impressed on him that food is in fact the first prerequisite to an experience of cternal salvation. Only those with food can live to experience and respond to God's love and eternal salvation, which begins here and now, and is for Christians the supreme experience of the living. Yours faithfully, NERISSA JONES,

Training ordinands

15 High Street,

Cuddesdon, Oxford.

From the Reverend P. H. Vaughan Sir, Clifford Longley's article (September 1) nu the inadequacies of the Church of England's structures for training its ordinands failed to notice that at least a quarter of the Church's ordinands do nut train in residential colleges

The annual statistics published by the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry show that in October 1985, 740 men were in training for the priesthood in the colleges, but a further 255 were in training on the regional nonresidential courses which now

network England. That is tu say. 25.62 per cent of priests then in training were not resident in colleges. If those in training for accredited lay ministry (mostly deaconesses) are also taken into account, the percentage of those training on courses rises tn 31.4 per cent. Yours faithfully.

PATRICK H. VAUGHAN, East Midlands Ministry Training

Department of Adult Education. University Park, Nottingham.

that representatives of Unesco were sent especially to these meetings as personal ambassacions for Mr M'Bow.

4. Your report failed to represent the judgement of those countries most closely concerned with the progress of reform, all of whom are represented on the executive board: Japan, West Germany, Canada, France and Sweden, Instead it gave priority to the viewpoint of an individual who is not an active participant in the executive board meeting and whose desire to see the reform process succeed is open to ques-

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM HARPER, Director, United Nations Association uf Great Britain and Northern Ire-3 Whitehall Court, SWI.

September 16



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 20 1935

The "worthy hope" expressed below, in the final sentence, was frustrated by the Second World Wor, but 50 years on, according to the Automobile Association, much of the road is motorway. The

distance from London to Constantinople is about 1,900 miles, and the usual route is through Germany and Austria, thence via Belgrade and Sofia.

Motoring to Constantinopie A new line is being drawn acros

Europe, beginning in London and ending at the Golden Horn. For the first nine miles or so it is we defined. There is no mistaking the London-Dover road, or its continu ation from Calais to Cologne: Of the fine German road that goes as straight as a lance from Cologne brough Frankfurt and Nuremberg Difficulties begin only when Vien na is passed. The short stretches o good road on the outskirts of Central European and Balkan cities are mostly linked by miles of cartetracks that have a way sithe of disappearing under mud or ballooning splendidly with dust. Rivers have to be forded at many places. Gradients are erratic; and boulders and deep ruts give alarming exercise to the springs of a car-But, where now most indistinct the line is to be continued firmly Nine Governments along the route are cooperating to make a wide and straight motoring road, unbroken from Calais to Constantinople. An international conference on the subject ended in Budapest yester day. Last week the representatives of the various Governments, including the British, met there to draw up an agreed policy. This week further details have been discussed by the Alliano Internationale de Tourisme Roadbuilding or reconstruction has already begun in Yugoslavia Bulgaria, and Rumania, where the Governments have voted large sums of money for the project Each country will naturally built and pay for the stretch of road within its frontier — as indeed it could have done before ever the scheme was raised. What it gains by the international agreement is the knowledge that the road will be continued at the other side of the frontier and that traffic will be encouraged by easier Customs arrangements, by refuelling depots at regular intervals, by standard ized signs over the whole two housand miles length of the road and by the service of interpreter and guides at each frontier. The Balkan countries that have been the most dilatory in road-making are now the quickest to see the advantages of a coherent and cooperative scheme.

It is expected that the last link of the road will have been made, the last dust-bath abolished, by 1938. leave London with one set of Customs papers and, travelling only by main road, reach Constantinople (or, branching at Budapest reach Bucharest and the Black Sea) in five or six days. In every direction the motorist's opportuni ties for trade and pleasure have increased beyond all reckoning during the last few years. Great Britain is threaded by main roads north to Inverness, west to Cardiff and to all places between. In set a standard of design and construction that all nations have noted. In Germany the Reichsautobahn is evolving new methods of construction and com bining efficiency with a severe and satisfying beauty. The Gross Glockner road over the Austrian Alps has opened a fresh highway etween Germany and Italy. At a points on the new motoring map of Europe there is testimony to fin feats of engineering. The opportu lities for peaceful communication are endless, and it is the builders most worthy hope that with the

In the belfry?

From Dr Richard Seddon Sir, Perhaps Mr Porter (September 10), when he seeks advice on how to install a stuffed owl into the church for which he cares in order to scare away the bats, should be reminded that these creatures are very strongly protected by law against disturbance.

wider opportunities internations

good will may also be increased.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. 1981, it is illegal for anyone without a licence intentionally to kill, injure, handle, disturb, photograph or in any way to interfere with roosting bats.

It is also an offence to damage destroy or obstruct access to any place that bats use for shelter or protection, whether bats are ac tually present or not, to disturb a bat using such a place, or interfere in any way, without notifying the Nature Conservancy Council in good time for them to inspect the situation and either give or withhold permission to act. The pen-

alties are severe. .These harmless fittle creatures are not only under threat of extinction; they also devour on the wing hundreds of tons of insect pests that bite and sting humans and animals and spread disease to Ynurs faithfully. RICHARD SEDDON 6 Arlesey Close, SW15.

Looking askance

Sir. The guard's announcing that the approaching station is Durham (letter, September 17) has echoes of Sam Goldwyn standing at the liner's rail and wishing bon poyage to those on the quayside seeing him off. Yours faithfully,

From Mr R. N. Pittman

ROBIN PITMAN, Headmaster, St Peter's School, York,

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The company has in-troduced a small white tri-angle, bordered in red, which ou screen warning the sounds like sound out of the Highway

What the triangle means, however, is that Channel 4 will feet able to show films which contain wholen and sexual scenes of a more extreme soft than have appeared hitherto. Mr. Jeremy Issaes, the company's chief executive, collabors: "Viewers are cathled the beautiful formation of the sexual of making informed themselves about what

But he has failed to explain if the principle of choice is the only one to apply, why it is that he does not support the showing of any film on teleannoyed that the Independent Breadcasting Authority will not allow him to show really explicit movies should they be, in the opinion of Channel 4, of an "acknowledged artistic

In practice, of course, lib-ertarian principles are not the only ones which ought to inform the choice of films for television. However late such films are shown, some children will see them, more than would be, the case if the films were only available on video and in

Last night's film. Themroc ade in 1972 and starring Michel Piccoli, was about a human being who started to behave like a wild beast. That is a fascinating theme, but if film makers wish to explore it in a particularly unabashed way, their work should not be

In the next few years, such films may start to be broadcast from satellites whether our tic television comp like it or not, but Mr Isaacs is not under a moral obligation to hasten the process. Quite the

Andrew Gimson

Matthew Hawkins

interesting path to explore in a

dance quartet he made a year

or so ago to Couperin's Apotheose de Lully. That piece

serves as the core of a larger

production A different set of

muscles, which he is present-

The starting point remains

an analogy between the ornate

ing at The Place this week.

The Place



Julian Barnes's new novel has collected plaudits in plenty this week. He talks to Simon Banner

Word painter's brush with the future

Barnes, "I have to feel like a painter who thinks he can paint the whole world, or at least who makes that a part of his normal amhition. At the end of the run, of course, it might turn out that one is better at trees than at people. or better at people than at buildings perhaps, but at this stage it's dangerous to think I can't do the whole world."

So far, Julian Barnes has proved himself to be, if only average at trees and buildings, rather good at people, and beyond compare at pairots. Translations of his last novel, the intricate, original, much-lauded Flaubert's Parrot (or simply The Parrot, as he tends fondly to refer to it), line the shelves of his airy study in quiet testimony to international recognition of that pre-eminence, and a newly arrived Swedish version sits on his desk. "It's 255 pages! The thickest

Barnes himself, then, must be happy that his new novel, Staring at the Sun, published this week by Jonathan Cape, is his longest yet, while the rest of us will be pleased to discover that it is his most ambitious to date as well. In charting the long life of its central character. Jean Sericant, the novel ranges from an opening in 1920 to a fi-nal section set, rather surprisingly, in 2020. But it is perhaps the memorable creation of the initially appallingly naive but, by 2020, wry and incisive Jean that must be Barnes's major

"Writing a book from a woman's point of view", says Barnes, "seemed to be a part of the necessary education of being a novelist. I felt that I had to huckle down and do it. In the end I've discovered that I don't find it harder doing women than men. I begin with the active aspect of entering into a character imaginatively, by looking at someone who resembles him or her, or thinking about what this character must look like. Then I just let it flow."

The decision to write not only about a woman, but about a woman who has her allotted three score years and ten, and a few more as well, left Barnes with the dilemma of either giving Jean a Victorian childhood and ending in the present day, or of beginning rather later and ending up in the future. He took the second, far less obvious

"It seemed inevitable because I'd also décided that it would be interesting to write something beginning in the period before the Second World War, because it's the period just before I was born, and therefore the period people talked about so much as I was growing up but which I hadn't ever experienced. So I had no choice but to end up in 2020. Anyway, I think the going to be rather like the present - if we don't blow ourselves up first, that is. Still, I half expect to see those words

Orwellian vision in a review."

Born in 1946, Barnes spent his childhood in Leicestershire and then London, before he had what he recalls as several "spectacularly inactive" years in Oxford reading French. "I wasted a lot of time. I certainly didn't think I'd be a writer. It's a bit like being an engine driver for a six-year-old
you'd like to be one, but you don't
scriously believe you could be."
Instead he became a lexicographer on the Oxford Dictionary (in the "sports and dirty word department") for another three years, before coming to London to read for the Bar.

He soon discovered that he was much more interested in writing unsigned reviews for five pounds a time for The Times Literary Supple-ment than in the law, and made his way, via a celebratedly waspish colurn on The New Review, to posts on The New Statesman, The Sunday Times, and latterly as The Observer's television critic. Barnes's days on The New Statesman, when he met and made friends with people who turned out to have been at Oxford at roughly the same time (Craig Raine, James Fention, and Martin Amis, among others), undoubtedly gained him the precocious literary brat-pack.

I'm unable to deny that I'm friendly with other writers of my own age, but the kind of comment I sometimes get, of the 'I hear you're a member of the London linerary mafia' variety, is absurd. Martin, I know. tikes to play up to it, though, and tells people we've had meetings to discuss who we're going to kneecap next. But what influence do I have? I'm a retired television critic and, for the time being a full-time novelist."

There are four novels now to his

name, each coming out at regular twoyearly intervals since Metroland in 1980. It must seem, Barnes supposes, as if there is a regular production line taking roughly twice as long as Anita Brookner's, but it's really not a bit like that." Production line or not, there is already another Julian Barnes novel under way, yet beyond acknowledging its existence the author is disinclined

to go.

Mention of the Booker Prize, for which Staring at the Sun is already talked about as a main contender, brings a hunted look to his face. "Ah, yes", be says, "the annual obsession. I don't want to think about it. It's much more important whether one's satisfield with the book oneself and whether it's still in print in ten years time, and anything on top is a bonus.

Concert Singular pride and passion

LPO/Tennstedt Festival Hall

Beethoven is the sole content of Klaus Tennstedt's first three programmes with the London Philharmonic Or-chestra this season, and in this opening concert the emotional gamut was concentrated still further; to the E flat major grandeur of the "Eroica" and the "Emperor". It proved to be an inspired choice.

In both symphony and concerto the orchestra responded to their principal conductor's urgent direction with some fiercely exultant playing. There was a passion and a pride: here which augurs well can be maintained.

the Third Symphony's first movement. He set a cracking pace — an aggressive one-in-a-the finale those great rising-bar tempo which, in its single-fifth motifs stirred the spirit Richard Morrison

Matthew Hawkins, a refugee (like Michael Clark) from the Royal Ballet in search of new this, Hawkins presents a Glazunov's Raymonda to the country of the post-punk generation. Paralleling pious extracts from this, Hawkins presents a Glazunov's Raymonda to this pendy formed Im-

masque of Venus and Adonis.

with its high-flown speeches and elaborate behaviour punc-

tured by the arrival of Molly

Parkin as a coarse-mannered

cupid straight out of Christ-

Having added John Blow's

splendours of the baroque art and piano to accompany part of that, even Hawkins's own

minded ferocity, sent the name Karajan fleetingly across the mind — and only really relented to give the development's crunching discords due stridency. That seemed to release pent-up tension; thereafter more flexibility was encouraged in

In the funeral march the pattern ran in reverse. The opening was a subdued whisper, as if in reaction to the first movement's epic struggles. Then, in the fugue, Tennstedt suddenly inveiled a new sonic world. The purists might have winced on seeing six horns and four trumpets, and certainly those brass entries had more than a hint of Bruckner for the rest of the season, if it about them, but the concept was audacious and the execu-

Urgency was certainly the tion exhibitanting. foremost quality in In fact this was a great night Tennstedt's interpretation of for the horns. Their crisp and vibrant trio crowned a splen-

which his newly formed Im-

minent Dancers Group cavort

happily, dressed in gold or

silver paint and not much else.

Apothalypse, forms a final

divertissement. Its demanding

choreography suffers a little

The earlier piece,

buzzing by then.
The violins regained their confidence after a sticky moment near the slow movement's conclusion, and some classic Tennstedt "dy-namic bulges" were applied

vith extravagance. Maurizio Pollini, the pianist in the Fifth Concerto, was another in rampant, deter-mined mood. The fingerwork was as hard-edged and brilliant as usual (though possibly over-pedalled at times), and his flamboyant tempo fluctuations created their customary drama, not least by posing Tennstedt some minor en-

semble problems. But this interpretation did seem to miss some of the gentler nuances, especially in the Adagio where it was the woodwind soloists who supplied the most beguiling

dancing at that point seems to

have become less exact, al-

though his stamina and light-

ness remain impressive

almost as much as in his

earlier 10-minute solo, a mar-

vel of control in slow turns

His pupils who make up the

supporting group are full of

life and enthusiasm in some

neat burlesques of classical

ballet, Mark Erskine-Pullin's

costumes are pretty and Mary

Lemley's backcloth amusingly

suggests an epicene Hawkins

gazing at the godess and her

John Percival



Off-centre world

The News Paramount City

Gaunt-featured Richard O'Brien is the star of Paul News, which is performed as a piece of loud and smoky cabaret at Paramount City Theatre. Although he is off stage for much of the evening, O'Brien is its presiding evil genius as be plays a celebrity-killing gunman who hits the ncon wilderness of urban America in a riot of newspaper

hype and excitement. The city's editor, a heavy, swaggering fellow in designer clothes and a handsome moustache, uses the press at his disposal to get the city humming with rumour about this demon in their midst, only to find that the man is dating his daughter, through a lonely hearts advertisement in

belong in anyone's genre, and perhaps that is his trouble. He fits well into The News, which is partly a smart-talking satire on the brutalizing ethos of the entertainment husiness, and partly a catch-in-the-throat ad opera about loneliness

and broken dreams. Taken singly, both of these

worked, but combining them, as Pulse does here, strikes me as an invigorating and enjoyable thing to do. The News is held together by a mood, and the true link between the showcase musical numbers is thematic rather than narrative. One is entertained not hy the slight, nominal plot, but by the show's off centre view

of the world as a brash, insolent circus where people are carried along by a crazy surge of adrenalin. O'Brien does more than anyone to make the form workable, throwing a spectral

shadow across the story's candyfloss romance, and conjuring up the stench of those ugly concrete jungles which turn failures and derelicts into junkies and killers. He is a figure from some Gothic nightmare and it is his presence which holds the evening together.

Bee Jaye, who plays his love-lorn daughter, has big, saucer eyes and a torch singer's sense of style and occasion. O'Brien keeps those Bram Stoker eyes of his hidbehind evil looking shades, but his sinister energy drenches the evening

Andrew Rissik

Figure from a Gothic nightmare: Richard O Brien

It used to be Afternoon The speakers' private thoughts, atre; these days it's The Afterthen back again.

noon Play, a change that Denise Robertson (yes, she noon Play, a change that brings it in to line somewhat who led for the Common belatedly with radio drama's. Woman on a recent Any right and proper insistence Questions? Sounded as if she that it is not offering the had written The Plucking Post equivalent of stage plays but is (Wednesday) in two minds

Radio

The afternoon's

little pleasures

an important medium in its that scarcely knew each other, own right. Otherwise, dra- The play concerned an ammatic business in the after- hitious middle-class couple noons is much as usual. This remains the biggest single slot for radio plays, providing three a week. While standards have improved immeasurably since those distant it is the wife'sdays when The Listener had a pursuit of this fantasy that

radio Drama Critic — twas I — The Afternoon Play can still touch those nadirs of writing, acting and production which used to send me into a weekly stupor. At the same time it can also turn in some of the best things to be heard on radio.
It didn't achieve one of its

three productions included atrestupor coming on. ... the truthful and exceedingly the truthful, was Rih Davis's A Few Kind Words (Tuesday). and given a well deserved second hearing.

Derbyshire miner, comes south to visit his married daughter (Patricia Gallimore). Daughter has been to university, has come up in the world; Dad is stuck fast in the attitudes and values of his community; she has all the escapee's resentment of them. The rift between them widens to a gulf and is not bridged until his death, and then, oh so

tentatively.
The writing here was excellent, hard and well-shaped, and the author had made fine use of that inimitable radio device that allows you to pop out of dialogue and into the

who hire an old gardener and then begin to suspect that he has sexual designs on their little daughter. Nothing could be further from the truth and

truly threatens the child. An idea hauntingly conveyed — if somewhat too insistently — by the metaphor of a kestrel hovering, ready to destroy young life. But in between, as if from a different brain, lay tracts of dialogue. sometimes so inept I felt again peaks in the week past, but its that old-style Afternoon The-

well written, the interesting by Roderick Graham, por-blemished with patches of trayed a Scottish couple awfulness and the superior celebrating their golden wed-Golden Oldies (Thursday), ? middle-of-the-road. The best, the truthful, was Rih Davis's semble. Surely there will be a crisis? In the event, however, it was all exceedingly low-key. But the dialogue was right and Tommy (Emrys James), a the play possessed a certain newly retired and widowed sentle charm. genue charm.

No excuse to slip a bit of music into talkative Radio 4 should ever be missed and An-Invitation to Dancing (Saturday) took the opportunity with both hands. A 16thcentury treatise on French dance by Thoinot Arbeau had been turned by Jeremy Barlow into an eloquent illustrated exposition by the master himself to an inquiring pupil, for which purpose he was able to call on the talents of various musicians he just happened to have in the house.

David Wade

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her father's paper. Inevitably, of course, there is a climatic Electric guitars how and screech, a walloping percussion section rocks the floor, and fatal showdown. O'Brien was the begetter of and the singers have strong, virile voices full of nicotine The Rocky Horror Show back in 1973, where he invented a trend-setting blend of theatriand liquor. Peter Straker's cal rock and camp Hollywood editor is a dapper comman, a glinting-eyed gangster whose smooth bearing might have been learnt at the Cotton pastiche. Since then, he has suffered a few reversals, and it "ELECTRIFYING AND HEARTSTOPPING" is easy to be obtuse about the off-beat momentum of his Club. VISIONARY BRILLIANCE SEVAN work. He is too intelligent to TUES 23 - THURS 25 SEPT ONLY! Tickes ICA 930 3647 SHAW THEATRE 388 1334 & KEITH PROWSE





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Dance

Modern classics

and the equally ornate arts- of his own long solo which

music to Couperin's, Hawkins because the replacement danc-

throws in for good measure a ers are less skilled than the

Paganini Cantabile for violin original ones. Perhaps because

good sturdy shrub, grows to a height of 8'. AMELANCHIER (LAMARCKE) -This shrub, which is smothered in white star-shaped blossom in early spring, produces edible fruit and fascinates with its searlet red foliage in autumn. A shrub of great appeal. Grows up to 71/2'. MOCK ORANGE (PHILA DELPHUS VIRGINALIS)

branches are covered with large, snowwhite flower clusters which fill the air with a delicious, sweet scent. Grows up shrub covered in a blaze of but yellow blooms between June and September. Grows to 4-5' in beight. SIMONSII COTONEASTER -Lovely growing erect shrub, semi evergreen with small white flowers in the mer followed by a copious crop of bright red berries which the birds will love in December. BUTTERFLY BUSH (BUDDLEIA) -Outstanding long-flowering shrub; attracts butterflies. Racemes of fragrant flowers, it is 10-12" long, continues to appear from July to September. Grows up to 6'. SPIRAEA VAN HOUTII-A compact branches, each branch being covered with a myriad of delicate white bloom. Growsup to 8'. CYDONIA JAPONICA -Grows 4' tall, and has vivid scarlet blooms developing into fruits from

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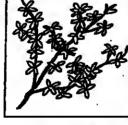
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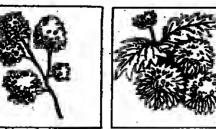




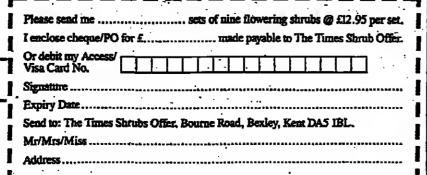


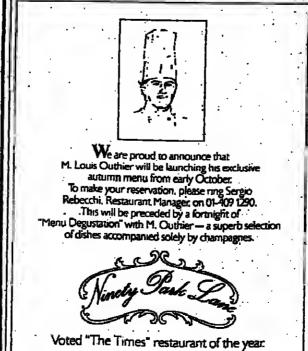












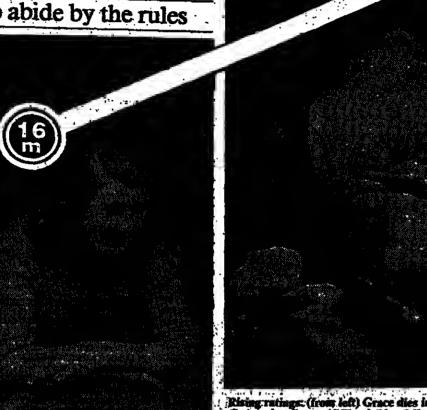
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Soaps that cleaned up

Next week, television's wedding of the year will take place. As millions of fans get their hankies ready for the moment when Michelle will say 'I do' to Lofty,

Bryan Appleyard goes on to the secretive set of EastEnders, where even Dirty Den has to abide by the rules



Coronation Street, 1967: a bridge falls on Ena Sharples.

Dallas, 1980: J.R. Ewing is shot by former mistress Kristin.





THE PROGRAMMES THAT PULLED THE PUNTERS

There is nothing like a wedding for attracting andiences, as Mrs Dale's Diary discovered back in the early 1950s. But tragedies have a similar appeal and one of the most famous nights in radio was September 22, 1955 when Grace Archer, wife of Philip and daughter-in-law of the patriarch, Dan, dashed into a blazing stable to rescue a house and was burned to death of the little of to death. More than 16 million people listened in horror as the tragedy unfolded, the event completely upstaging the opening on the same night of Independent Television. Only the creator of The Archers, Godfrey Baseley, tried to pretend that the timing of Grace's demise

D Television was not slow in catching on. 1960, staged its first big audience coup in September 1962 when the two-month-old baby son of Harry and Concepts Hewitt was kidnapped from his pram. The episode was seen in 8,868,000 homes, probably the biggest television andience in Britain up to that time.

formula at regular intervals. The collapse of the viaduct in May 1967 had 18 million people on edge about the fate of a well-loved character, Ena Sharples, while later the same year the Ena Sharples, while later the same year the wedding of Elsie Tanner to an American airforce sergeant was watched by more than 20 million. When, early in 1983, Deirdre Barlow finally decided not to leave her dull husband, Ken, for Mike Baldwin, 18.5 million people shared her anguish and the "result" was relayed to a football crowd watching Manchester Limited play at Old Trafford.

ter United play at Old Trafford.

• Crossroads, which began in 1964, had its biggest andience — more than 16 million — in April 1975 when the owner of the Crossroads motel, Meg Mortimer married John Richardson. The streets around the Birmingham church where the episode was filmed were jammed and extra police were drafted in the control the crowds. When, in November 1981, the motel went up to flames - with Meg apparently inside it -15.7 million people waited anxiously on her fate and the number had swelled to 15.9 million when she turned up alive and well on the QE2.

American import, Dallas, Whipped up Terry Wogan on his early moraing radio sho Dallas-fever swept the land in anticipation of the shooting of the unsty oilman, J.R. Ewin The event took place at 8.58 pm on May 26 1980, watched by 23.3 million people. Two minutes later the credits rolled to signal the end of the series, with J.R.'s fate unresolved and his would-be assessin marevealed. In one of history, the answers were not given antil the new series began in November 1980, when the culprit was identified as J.R.'s mistress, Kristin. The BBC claimed 27.3 million viewers, almost certainly the biggest son

· Not to outdone, the rival high-life saga, Dynasty, screened its own horror story on December 13 1985 when the wedding of Prince Michael of Moldavia and Amanda Carrington was interrupted by terrorists and a burst of

Peter Waymark

over so most of them have given up this waiting game -Pete or Ali, or even of Dirty Den himself, the role model for every lanky, smooth-tongued creep in the land.

For Elstree is where they make EdstEnders. This BBC1 soan opera pulls in audiences of, 18 to 20 million weekly, peaking — in the episode just before Dirty Den's wife Angie tried to "top" herself - at 24.35 million. Next week it will peak again as the wedding of Lofty and single parent Michelle approaches. Forget that little number at the Abbey

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couple of seenage in July; this is the big one. both the history of British soaps and the recent history of ingly simple - an old-fashioned East End square, in the fictional Lendon borough of even the one who travelled up Walford, is the geographical daily from Hastings through- anchor for a number of tales of dut the summer. But there are contemporary urban workingalways a few, hoping for a class life. There is a pub - the glimpse of Sharon or Debbie; Queen Victoria - a laundercue, a street market, and a canal which seems to exert a

strange imaginative pull on both characters and audience. It is deeply embedded in a culture: that of the cockney proleteriat with its wide boys, stoical mothers and hermetic yet threatening cosiness. In fact, on paper it looks almost like a south-of-Watford version of Coronation Street. But the real EastEnders revolution is stylistic. Where once Elsic Tanner, Len Fairclough and Ena Sharples had seemed

suffused with an immediate, almost dangerous realism, they eventually became, a quarter of a century down the line, oddly, formalized and theatrical. The time had come for a new definition of the conventions of soap realism and cometh the hour cometh

And that hour happened to coincide with another - the hour when BBC1 and its new chief, Michael Grade, needed a bi-weekly early evening hook to drag it out of the ratings hole into which it had fallen as a result of some nifty scheduling by ITV. The news that the BBC was to make a cockney soop was, however, greeted with some derision. An arch chronicle of the lives of pearly kings and queens was.

But EastEnders shocked everybody. Far from being full of "characters", it seemed peopled by evil-minded lay-abouts, forever bickering and forever broke. Its audiences stayed higher than expected and then; with a switch io its time slot from 7 pm to 7.30, it shot ahead of Coronation Speed. Soaps have come and gone, of course, but this one seemed here to stay - after all these years, the Street had been superseded. EastEnders had a culture as coherent and fertile to draw upon - but the life it reflected suddenly seemed more, well, real.

ofty and Michelle's ouptials, for examouptials, for example, have fired the nation as only Len Fairclough's uppercut to Ken Barlow's chin previously had. And the whole thing has been made doubly iotriguing by the tantalizing air of uncertainty which surrounds it. Stories have been flying about for weeks in the flying about for weeks in the tabloids — where covering East Enders can be a full-time job - that something will go

wrong on the big day.

"We can confirm there is a wedding." a publicist said coyly, "but we have no comment on the outcome.

Down at Elstree plot secrets are sacred. Not a drop must leak - a difficult undertaking in view of the fact that episodes are shot six weeks in advance. A chute in the studio, labelled "Confidential Waste Only", is used purely for shredded scripts. There have, in the past, been wild Press guesses about motorcycle crashes, babies flung into canais - and one or two bull'seyes - but, overall, the security system works as well as

that of, say, M16.
So the girls on the gate never get in. If they did they would find, after some searching. Albert Square, E20, in a tiny corner of the huge lot. This is the sanctus sanctorum, the East Enders set. It is flanked by the perimeter fence, over which real houses can be glimpsed, in confusing con-trast to the carefully-aged structure of steel, plaster and occasionally, real brick of the

the odd fan has got this far. Usually they remove the street signs - "London Borough of. Walford, Albert Square, E20" - but Keith Harris, the designer, now secures them with industrial glue and pop rivets. for us is against us. He has even welded on the top of the cast-iron pillar box, which was once dragged to the

perimeter fence. Perversely, nobody seems to have vandalized the phone box. British Telecom, however, has been doing its bit by trying to persuade the BBC to replace it with a modern black and yellow one - as a piece of subliminal propaganda against the old, red variety.

Harris has been with the show since its inception and is responsible for the look and feel of Albert Square. Ba-sically, this means making everything as awful as possible - worse than the least gentrified real East End square. The reason for this is

that everything looks slightly better on television; the small screen spruces things up. So, whenever Harris is on the set, he bashes it about a bit. We come to a far corner of

the square and Harris pauses, a touch reverentially. "This," he says, "is where Julia stood when this was just an open space full of wet sand - it used to be the building site in Auf Wiedersehn, Pet, you know— and she said, "Whatever you build I want to be able to see that block of flats over there"." He gestures towards a typical East End block, a real one, which springs mysteriously from the centre of

Borehamwood. Harris is speaking of Julia Smith, the producer who along with script editor Tony Holland - is responsible for

the conception and execution of the series. They are a fearsome double act. Their power is absolute - and wielded with a Stalinist conviction that he who is not

There are a hundred anecdotes about the totality of their reign - the ferocious cost controls that lead to stars being refused taxis and the near-complete veto on respectable holiday breaks. But such evidence is unnecessary after you have spent time at their Shepherd's Bush offices.

Their confidence is awesome.
"Well," Smith says, "the
BBC insisted oo doing some market research at the beginoiog of all this. But we told them we would only take any notice if it confirmed what we were going to do anyway. And if we had taken any notice we would have had to drop the most successful character. The BBC people were against him

"Dirty Den?" I venture eagerly, but she declines to go further. But she clearly means Den who, apart from being dirty, fathering Michelle's baby and driving his wife Angie to the edge is, io real life, Leslie Grantham, who served 11 years in prison for murdering a taxi driver in Germany. Mention this — and the gleeful surgical recreation - and the Smith head descends into the Smith hands in despair. This has got to be bluff - Grantham's past can have done EastEnders notbing but good, publicity-wise.
But even Grantham is kept io check by Smith and Hol-

land, who control their cast with an elaborate series of rules, the most unbreakable being that they must never make a public appearance in character. Leslie Grantham or Anita Dobson cut ribbons and meet the people, not Den or

As far as the cast are concerned, much of this. power must rest on the success of the series. Most were unknowns when they were chosen, all are now stars. II transformation created an odd wardrobe problem - but nothing that could not be cured by the application of the Smith-Holland boot.

ben they started," Smith says, "they were pretty hard up in just the right clothes for the show. But then they started arriving in better clothes and we had to make them change. They often argued, saying that their charac-ter-would wear these things from Dickins & Jones, but I

put my foot down." This state of affairs became eveo odder when the actors starting saying not only that their character would wear the. clothes, but that "I would wear them". Their own confusion about fiction and reality match those of the viewers who have been sending in money to help Lofty and Michelle with their wedding. In this climate of muddled identities the Smith-Holland

iron fist is probably essential. They have to keep the increas-ingly swollen-headed cast of 25 to their relentless six-day production schedule - despite appearances on Top of the Pops and the posse of paparazi at every oightclub.

They also must be on guard

against the hubris which has been afflicting the show ever since it hit the top of the ratings last October. For, at that point, the tabloids de-serted Coronation Street and Michael Grade went into overdrive - dancing in the street with the cast and generally flogging Albert Square

killed it when they thought it had run out of steam, know they are in for a long baul. The first three years of plot, which they mapped out on a beach together - are still on course. and they should soon be roughing out the next three. They say they have no idea if it will have the legs of Coronation Street. now nearly 26 years old. All Smith will say is: "When we say it's finished, I hope the BBC has the courage to end it six mooths later." Smith and Holland's first

version of EastEnders was called The Pub Game and centred on the life of the prototype pub, the Queen Victoria, But their treatment was initially rejected by the BBC, which had just commissioned a series about life in a pub - the abysmal World's

Their style, they say, owes

Michelle told Den he was the TV series if he were alive father of her child. So, on this rehearsal day they wanted "documentary only Anita Dobson and Leslie realism" which, above all, meant staying true to their characters. The model of how Grantham are at Elstree and to get this wrong is Channel

They are, naturally, Angie and

Den, who move from down-

they "don't give interviews". This can't be bad for an actor
-- from nothing to "! want to 4's appalling Brookside, in be alone" in 18 months. Away which every character appears from the cameras the Dirty with an attached "issue". But Den aura has gone -Smith and Holland avoid issues like the plague — unless Utan they spring naturally from the grey C & A-style casual wear rather than the slimy-rat suits elaborate card-indexed bioghe affects in the series. He might as well be in Brookside. raphies they have assembled. One of their most daring innovations is being re-

Elsewhere, an episode of the children's series Grange Hill is hearsed. Some time in October the masses are to be being shot, — in the car park treated to an entire episode in which serves as the school playground. A man io white which only two people appear. overalls is pasting up Meat Loaf posters on the fake stairs to upstairs at their brickwork with instructions Queen Victoria pub. This is from Harris to "dirty them up extreme soap opera avant- a bit". And, outside, a couple gardism and represents a dar- of mournful teenagers decide ing leap forward from the 15- to call it a day.

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A WEEK IN ALBERT SQUARE

Producing a year-round, twice-a-week soap is a formidable piece of logistics. EastEnders is rehearsed and shot entirely at Elstree, editing and dubbing at Television Centre in Shepherds Bush. There is one producer -Julia Smith - and a team of writers who work in rotation. Tony Holland, the script editor, writes occasionally, to keep his hand in, and a specific writer may, occasionally, be felt to be a specialist in

one type of situation — otherwise it is a strict rota. Holland and Smith know the plot, but writers are told no more than they need to. Actors are told virtually nothing. "You don't live your life knowing what's going to happen to you," Holland

Two episodes are usually shot each week, but currently

they are coming up to a double-banking period, in which four episodes a week will be made — this allows time off at Christmas. The schedule i as follows: Monday: Morning,

producer a run-through, rehearsing the major moves, and technical run-through to get camers movements and scenery right. Tuesday: All-day rehearsals and lighting runthrough. Wednesday and Thursday: Recording of interior scenes. Working

day lasts from 10 am to Friday: Exteriors recorded on Elstree lot and rehearsals begin for tollowing week.

Saturday: Rehearsals. Sunday: Day off - for actors to learn their lines.

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for all it was worth. But Holland and Smith, who created Angels and then

much to Dickens - who, they believe, would have written



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Not far from the madding crowd



In another of our occasional series. Michael Watkins

Dorchester immortalized in the great novels of Thomas Hardy's sleepy

Wessex can still evoke the same magic

Poor William Barnes merits effect that Hyde Park Corner only four excerpts in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, while Hardy wallows luxuriously among 70. There's the rub. I suppose — the reason why Hardy steals most of Dorchester's limelight. If it hadn't been for Linden Lea, I doubt very much if Barnes's statue would occupy prime space outside the parish church, leaving Hardy inhaling toxic traffic firmes at the far end of town.

He is not amused, relegated to an obscure plinth above the Austins and Toyotas, facing a No Entry sign for the rest of eternity. You can see that Hardy doesn't care for his alternative accommodation in Colliton Walk he wears a brow-creased look, of tetchiness that makes you wonder if there may be something in local gossip that he was a grumpy so-and-so.

All billowy-bosomed. bow-fronted as a pregnant marchioness

Dorothy Cox is old enough to remember him. She has read all his books and seen the plays; yet she still recalls the author who lived in Max Gate as a touch irascible. Dorchester used to be a lovely place, she said, but today the traffic — oh my word, you'd never cross the road!

Cornhill is full of Tesco, Presto and Halfords; and soft accents straight from Tess of the d'Urbervilles. High West Street, on the other hand, seems reluctant to acknowledge the century's turn, the clock having stopped in about 1886. There are no lampposts, telegraph poles or wires. although there is a helpful

discovers that the

is 120 miles away.

The council offices, scene of the Assize Court of 1834, witnessed the trial of George Loveless and his farm worker companions who united "to preserve ourselves, our wives and our children from utter degradation and starvation".
For their involvement in these seditinus trade union activities, they were sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia's penal colonies. It was lucky that these Tolpuddle martyrs were not arraigned to appear at an earlier Assize before Judge Jeffreys: or that they were not guilty of "injuring any part of this County Bridge", for which the sentence was transportation

The judge of the Bloody Assizes lodged opposite what is oow the County Museum, housing a collection of Hardy's manuscripts and the remains of reptiles which lived in Dorset — then under a warm sea — 200 million years ago. The museum is a heap of Victoriana, the kind favoured by Betjeman. In fact, the poet knew the area well and it was the subject for one of his most famous poems, "Dorset". I loved the King's Arms Hotel, all billowy-bosomed, bowfronted as a pregnant mar-chioness; and I much admired the Mayor of Casterbridge's house, currently in credit as a branch of Barclays Bank.

In his "Dorset", Betjeman was so drawn to Melistock Churchyard, a mile or so from Dorchester (Mellstock, in fact, being Hardy's fictional name for Stiosford), that it amazes me he didn't choose a plot there for himself. He would have found good company, alongside Cecil Day Lewis, Tranter Reuben and all the sign, chiselled in stone, to the Hardy family, including Jude, Gabriel Oak, Angel



the less significant remains being at Poets' Corner in

Westminster Abbey. Stinsford is where Hardy's choir sang, treble and tenor, and thorough bass. There's no choir there today but it's a pretty church, with a prettier river walk which the choristers took oo their way to evensong ... the trouble is that fact and fiction become so interwoven it's hard to tell them apart.

Was Tess dishonoured by Alec d'Urberville in Kings-bere or Bere Regis? Where did Sergeant Troy mesmerize Bathsheba with his swordplay: at Weatherbury or Puddletown? Where was the Greenwood Tree: at Hardy's birthplace at Bockhamptoo or in an entirely different location? There is a whole gallery of not-so-fictitious characters:

Thomas - or at least his heart; Clare, - all drawn from life, T. E. Shaw, an enlisted man their descendants living in Wessex today.
Did I say Wessex? Then it is

time to trade one enigma with another, swapping scenery too; for Hardy's landscape is placid, all fleecy sheep, woolly clouds and octogenarians driving 1956 Morris Minors with terrible care all the way to-Camelot. Bovingdon is made of sterner stuff a fern-covered papier mache countryside, criss-crossed with caterpillar tracks; pock-marked by hightrajectory shells. A real blasted heath. Tank battles take place here and there are scarlet Mioistry of Defence ootices telling yoo not to photograph them; a bit old hat, surely, when Russian satellites are at

it all day long? . It was here, after his management of the Arab Revolt, that Colonel Lawrence -

in the Royal Tank Corps rented a cottage where he worked oo the proofs of Seven Pillars of Wisdom. During another incarnation, as Aircraftsman 338171 Shaw, the cottage was fitted for

eventual retirement. It was at this time that Shaw sent Noël Coward a copy of The Mint, in reply to which

Sheep everywhere, stuffed to the ears in rich green grass

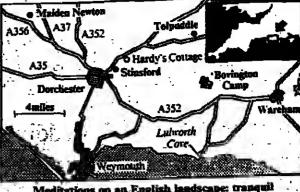
Coward began his letter-"Dear 33817I __ may I call you 338?" And it was from bere, in May 1935, that the Oxonian/hero/train-wrecker extraordinary/enigma, swerv-ing to avoid killing two errand boys, finally succeeded in killing himself.

The courage, Clouds Hill, is for St Martin's in the Wellone of the National Trust's for, although Lawrence was
smallest properties, its pattern buried in an unmarked coding
of opening times so areane at Moreton Church his offigy
that I arrived precisely 24 lies in Wareham, sculpted by
hours early. Humbly, I aphis friend Eric Kennington. proached the custodian: "Two o'clock tomorrow", she said. Begging that I'd come a long way cut oo ice: "Two o'clock

It looked a small cottage, the colour of desert sand, blinded by shutters against the evil eye and enclosed by a thick hedge, it gave nothing

away. Houses are not usually inanimate, living through the memories they contain, but Clouds Hill felt like a contrivance, hollow. It was right, io a way, that I didn't see inside, any more than I'd want to see inside the sham of Lawrence himself - if such were the truth:

Instead, I took the his opinion, I asked? "Well", Wareham road, I was looking she replied, "he worked quite



Meditations on an English landscape: tranquil Lulworth Cove, left, and peaceful Dorchester, below

hard at polishing his aura of mystery, didn't be?"

More sheep everywhere stuffed to the ears in rich green grass; and cream teas advertised from every thatched cottage under a canopy of summer heat. I followed a sign to Lulworth Cove because I had my bathing things on the back seat. The chalk cliffs suddenly ended and two arms of Portland and Purbeck stone encircled a lagoon-like bay. There were thousands of peo-ple and muffled crumps from the nearby artillery firing range. The shingle was hell on the feet and you had to wade almost to Cherbourg to get free of weed, but the water was migling cool and tasted of sea instead of the garbage which you swallow on the Cote d'Azur.

As I floated i pondered on what was frequently being described as the special buried in an unmarked coming at Moreton Church, his offigy lies in Wareham, sculpted by his friend Eric Kennington.

It was a real find. St Martin's is 11th century, musty as an abandoned wardlight" in these pasts. There's nothing Mediterianean about the light it's Borset light, bright enough to read by, clear chough to see as far as the Dolomites and good enough robe, with a faded metheval to be proud of. .

TRAVEL NOTES

fresco and - beneath a Nor-

man archesty — the prepos-terous likeness of Lawrence in Arab dress, his hand on a crooked dagger, a camel sad-dle under his head: a Crusader

à recourse One day, I thought, in about 500 years' time, some

American tourist is going to

come along and think we all

There was a woman in St

Martin's reading a book of verse. She told me that her father had served with Law-

rence in Palestine. What was

his opinion, I asked? "Well",

dressed like this.

few miles north of Dorchester at Maiden Newton — Chalk Newton to Tess of the d'Orbevilles — at Maiden Newton House (0308-20336); k is a member of the Wolsey Lodge organization: private homes run as personal small hotels. Double rooms cost £27 to £34 a hight, dioner £11.56 each. There are 97 Wolsey Lodges. Information from 17 Chapel Street, Bildeston, Suffolk (0449 741297).

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TRAVEL II

Pirates' French leave

Things have changed on Noirmoutier. Time was when this little island, three-quariers of the way up the west coast of France, was a hive of nefarious activity, providing a haven for pirates and foreign armies who saw it - rightly - as an ideal place from which to launch their attacks on the

At the end of the 18th century, it witnessed some of the bloodiest incidents and most concentrated lighting of the French Revolution. Today, as you look out over the deserted salt marshes and hear the wind sighing softly in the pine trees, such things seem unimaginable. What you see is an island which is simply very flat, very thin, very quiet and

wery ordinary.

Men with hats porier about on battered old bicycles, plump women gossip as they hang out their washing: little windmills dot the countryside; at the laundcrette the driers don't work and no one is around to give you the right change. In short, it is French but not particularly French: it is much like any other dozy rural retreat. That, of course. is its appeal.

Because of its size - just seven miles long - it does not take long to discover the principal landmarks and attractions. We standed with the most obvious - the 12thcentury château which dominates Noirmoutier-en-l'île, the only town of any size on the island, inside is a small, homely and uncluttered museum: outside, if your nerves can stand it, you can totter round the ramparis, risking your life on a short stretch



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Marine matters: chatting over a basket of oysters

where the path narrows, the wind howls and the safety rail seems on the verge of collapse.

The easiest way to recover your poise is to stroll across the square and take a gentle ride on "Le Petit Train" as it trundles through Le Bois de la Chaise. This north-eastern corner is the most scenically beautiful part of the island aod at the height of summer, so we were reliably informed, the whole place positively swarms with them.

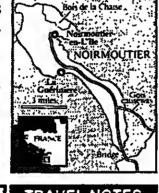
Most come pouring in over the bridge, opened in 1971. which connects the island to the mainland. The more adventurous wait for low tide and use the Gois causeway, a road running for nearly three miles across the sea. By the end of August, however, when we arrived, these seasonal invaders - like the pirates of old - had decamped, leaving the natives in peace.

And what peace, Mile after mile of sandy beach - 25 in all - lies empty, save for the occasional family. The bathing is good, the walking even better; you can wander for hours along the water's edge, your face freshened by the wind and warmed by the sun. Marine pursuits, naturally

enough, are the main pre-occupation of the islanders. As if to prove that their knowl-************

Brussels Bruges

Luxembourg



edge of the sea is a match for

anyone, the townspeople of Noirmoutier have set up a

From the outside it looks

unprepossessing even shabby

a faded mural depicting

Neptune rising from the

waves painted on a grubby

wall and a front door which looks permanently locked. In-

side it is a revelation

beautifully laid out, imagi-

natively lit and boasting a host

of exotic creatures, including piranhas from Brazil and tiny

Elsewhere, eclipsed

grander things, it would prob-

ably not rate a mention. In Noirmoutier it seemed pretty

special. Small, as they say, is

John Carey

crocodiles from the Nile.

delightful little aquarium.

TRAVEL NOTES

Noirmoutiar claims to have tha highest concentration of hotels on the Vendean coast - 17 in all. We stayed at the Hotel La Voliere in La Guernnere, on e Just France package organized by Wastbury Travel, Westfield House, Westbury, Wiltshira hotel is not included in the Just France programme, except as one of the options in its touring holidays.

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Wine in the land of the hops

Englishmen are known to become misty-eyed as they drive through the French villages of the Medoc and gaze on the acres of vines bearing evocative names like Lafitte and Latour. They could, however, if they wished, make a wine pilgrimage in their own country.

The varied landscape and soil conditions of the Surrey Downs, rolling down to the Kentish Weald and Sussex, is the hub of English wine growing. Oast houses, a reminder of the area's traditional crop of hops, sit comfortably with the sprawling farms and red brick period homes which tend to be surrounded by beautifully kept gardens and make delightful inter-Indes for a day out.

Before visiting any of the tollowing vineyards it is advisable to telephone shead to check days and times anead to check days and time of fours and quote the number of people in your path all peak times you may have to book your tour in advance. Some owners may provide simple food or offer picnic facilities, but do ask before you arriva. The vineward tours are modestly vineyard tours are modestly priced (usually £2 for adults) and include tastings.

Berwick Glebe: J D Broster and D A Birks, Frensham Cottage, Berwick, Polegata, Sussex (0323 870361). Immaculately kept two-acre vineyard handly sited for a good local pub, Tha Cricketers. The parish church has murals painted by has murals painted by members of the Bloomsbury set and is near Charleston Farm, associated with Virginia Wooll, Wine on sala, but visits by arrangement only.

Biddenden: R A Barnes, Litta Whatman's, Biddendan, Ashford, Kant (0580 291726). Its 1983 Oretega wine won the English Wine of the Yaar Award. This 18-acre vineyard, started in 1969 on a third of an acre, produces a range of varieties plus home-made cider. Open May-Oct: Mon-Sat 11-5pm; Sun noon-5pm; Nov-April: Mon-Sat 11-2pm. Food available by .

Breaky Bottom P Hall, Breaky Bottom Vineyard, Rodnell-Lewes, Sussex (0273 476427). This four-acre vineyard is reached along a farm track, one mile off a side road. The winery is housed in a period brick and flint building. The dry wines ere raminiscent of French, rather than the more usual German, taste. Visits by arrangement.

Linda Carr Taylor, Carr Taylor Vineyard, Westfield, Hastings, East Sussex (0424 752501). The great buy at this 21-acre vineyard is the owners' quality sparkling wine made by methode exported to France and found Open April-Dec 10am-5pm: tours can be arranged.

Chilisdown: Ian Paget, Chilsdown Vineyard, Singleton, Chichester, Sussex (0243

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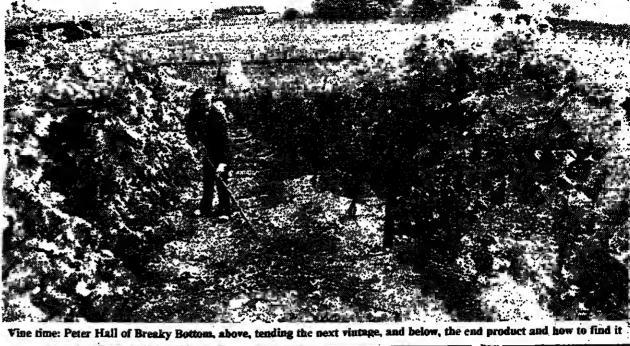
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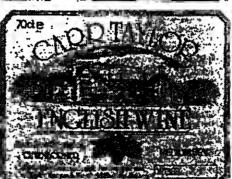
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Tenterden: S Skelton. 63398), Open April-Sept 10am-Spots Farm, Smatt Hytha, Tanterden, Kent (05806 5pm. Set in 13 acres tha winery is housed in the old

Gardens and an open air museum of preserved Cuckmere: Christopher and Lucy Ann, The English Wine Centre, Drusilla's Comer, Alfriston, East Sussex (0323 870532). A wine museum, a shop with a wide ranga of English wines, a restaurant and pub serving British regional food, and a family erea. Mr Ann will also advise enthusiasts wishing to plan an English wine tour. Open year round, guided tours by

station which served for

nearby Goodwood, It is also

near beautiful West Dean

Lamberhurst K McAlpine, Ridge Farm, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (0892 890844 for tours). Eight white and one rose are now produced from the 40-acre neyard, many of them medal winners in the English Wine of the Year competition. Lamberhurst wines have been served at Buckingham Palace and the Lord Mayor of London's

guided tour or follow your

own vineyard trail with the aid of a leaflet. Open year round, but guided tours from May 1-Oct 31.

Penshurst: D Westphal,

Penshurst Vineyards, Grove Road, Penshurst, Kent (0892 870255). Polythe tunnels where eating and wine grapes are grown, are thoughtfully provided against rainy days. There are picnic grounds which meander down to a lake and you can watch breeding wallables, black swans and rere breed sheep at play. After viewing the stainless steel wine vats, gel a tasting of three Penshurst white wines. Then, if visitors wish to put hand in anything from a £3.50 bottle of wine to a tea towet. "It's only by giving visitors tha opportunity to see how we make it, and then giving them a taste, that we get round the problem of marketing English wina", says Mr Westphal. The new tasting room has seating for 55. Good toilet and access facilities for the disabled. Open year round from 10am-6pm.

Rock Lodge: N Cowderoy, Rock Lodge Vineyard, Scaynes Hill, Sussex (0444 86224). This 3% acre vinayard was begun in 1965 and has its own small winery, a shop, and is handily placed to neighbouring vineyards, if you want to follow a wine route.
Open May-Sept, Mon-Sat 9am-

Viticulture present and past: left, Lucy Ann of Cuckmere defoliating the vine, and right, o collection of old bottles in the museum at Drusifla's

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> wines, thera is also a herb garden with 150 variaties, offering plants for sale. Picnic facilities and food available by arrangement. Open May 25-Sept 29, daily 10am-6pm. Further details of vineyards, festivals and the wine route from: English Vineyards Association, The Ridge, Lamberhurst, Kent (0892) 890844). English Wine Information Service, Drusilla's Corner, Alfriston

3033). Home of award winning

Sussex, and offices of the English Tourist Board. You can also visit many of the neighbouring 78 memb of The Weald and Downland Vineyards Association, who usually offer tastings and picnic places in attractive rural surroundings. Some have specialized facilities for the disabled. You can follow, too, an English Wine Route and for £5 visit two vineyards, enjoy a ploughman's lunch washed down with tastings of English wine.

A case of history

Viticulture - the cultivation viticulture — the cultivation by oil vines — was brought to 12 Britain by the Romans who then swamped the home 12 market with their own wines 15 from Italy, King Alfred recfrom Italy. King Alfred recognized its importance by handing out stiff penalties to anyone damaging a coneighbour's vineyard, but his efforts were undermined by the marriage of King 2. Henry II to Eleanor of Auutaine, which effectively conded English wine production with his acquisition of the control of tion with his acquisition of vast areas of vine around Bordeaux. The home produet was unable to compete with French imports and this remained largely un-changed until, in 1951. Major General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones planted a vineyard in Hambledon.

Hampshire. The problem of cheap mports is one which English vine-growers are familiar li with today; but Penshurst Vineyards is able to sell 32 65.000 bottles a year to private buyers, hotels and British institutions.

It was David Westphal's father Bob who in 1972 first plamed vines at Penshorst for fun". In the same year, Kenneth McAlpine at nearby Lamberhurst was do ng the same thing. McAlpine's involvement has ncreased from eight acres in 1976. producing 70.000 bot-tles. 10 48 acres and 700,000 bottles today.

Suzanne Greaves



control 203. Todays at venue or from Waverley Excursiona (041 2218152). Today, tomorrow, Mon and Sep 24-28. Adult £9-£12, child £4.50-£6.

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and refreshments - fish and otherwise. Billingsgate Markat, 87 Wast India Dock Road, London E14. Tomorrow 9.30am-5pm. Adult £2, child 50p.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR WEEKEND: Re-enactm typical skirmish by the Southarn Skirmish Association, with the Band of the 55th Virginian Regiment as vanguard. Also an exhibition about the war, in the museum which houses 18 period American rooms from 17th-19th centuries and soma fine galleries of American silver and pewter. Gardens include an American arboretum, a replica of George Washington's garden and an Indian tepee American Museum in Britain, Clavarton Manor, Bath Avon (0225 50503). Today. tomorrow, 1.30-6pm Admission to grounds and skirmish, 50p. House and grounds, adult £2.25, child £1.75.



Beauty in Bromsgrove: shire horses at the rally (right)

PEWSEY CARNIVAL: Foundad in 1898 and known as the "mother of carnivals". The procession is the culmination of two weeks of activities, comprises some 100 floats and nine bands. Town and river banks illuminated throughout. Also a funtair. Pewsey, Wiltshire. Today, 7.30-9.30om. Free.

HORSEMAN'S SUNDAY: Traditional annual occasion in which the vicar of St John's Hyda Park, astrida his horse, conducts a service of blessing. Some 100 horses and noers usually attend and the service is followed by a horse show with clear round jumping, handy ponies, fancy dress and gymkhana. Service, forecourt of St John's Church, Hyde Park, London W2. Tomorrow, noon. Horse show, the Paddock, Kensington Gardens, London W2, 1,30-5pm. Both events free.

RALLY OF STATIONARY ENGINES: Some 50-60 are expected over the weekend, most with agricultural functions. Also the blacksmith's forge working at intervals, demonstrations of wood-turning, stick dressing and tomorrow, threshing. Shire horse and model railway rides plus all the superb buildings - from the 15thcentury merchant's house to the 18th-century forge cottage — open as usual. Light refreshments and teas. Avoncraft Museum of Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire (0527 31886).

OUTINGS

Today, 11am-5.30pm, Adult £1.75, child 80p.

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HAWORTH This walk combin literary and railway history with splendid scenery nd stone villages in a beautiful part of England. Parking just beyond Widdon Gate on the Hebden Bridge to Coine road, walk west along the road. At Blake Dean leave the road by the footpath at the

> Dean Reservoirs. to Withins. The weather may problems. well create an authentic Bronte atmosphere for With- railway station which is on the ins is claimed to be the model preserved Keighley and Worth for Wuthering Heights. Here Valley Railway. Visit the enfork right, leaving the Pennine gine sheds and then walk Way, and drop into the valley, south, take a left and right Eventually you will emerge at turn on to a footpath that the Bronte Falls and Bronte follows the railway and a Bridge, both places of pil- pretty stream all the way to grimage. From here a path Oxenhope, the railway ter-climbs to a track running east minus. This has a museum and to the road and thence into on the platform a functioning Haworth. -

On the outskirts of Haworth

set to produce a variety of self images, hetp fill an energy store, build a bridge, a chair, control a robot, experiment with mirrors, lights and much Science Museum,

Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 3456). Mon-Sat. 0am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm.

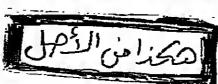
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bridge and follow the valley cross a field to the Parsonage. north to meet the Pennine now the Broute Museum. Next Way west of the Walshaw to it is the crowded churchyard and disappointingly, rebuilt The route then follows three church. The town is likely to miles of this great long-dis- be heavily populated by tourtance footpath over the moors ists but lunch presents no

From the hill descend to the buffet car.

Martin Andrew



Partygoers are looking forward to a sparkling season with evening fashion more glamorous than ever.

But if your social round includes several formal occasions and your evening dresses are greeted with cries of "It looks as lovely as ever darling", then you might prefer to ring the changes hy

A company that started in St Albans, Hertfordshire, two years ago and now has franchises in seven more towns is Just For The Night. The founders Cheryl Matthews and Lynette Tominey specialize in "everything after six",

from discos to grand balls.

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is controlled by the head office o that standards and quality emain constant, are in Bar-Berkhamstead, nstable, East Grinstead Dunstable, East Grinsteau, Lindhead and Northampton with Oxford opening on Octo-ber 1 and Hitchin later that month.

Other dress hire agencies include One Night Stand in Pimlico (01-730 8708) who have sizes 10 to 20 at £40 to £65 with a £100 deposit, and Simpsons in Covent Garden 701-836 2381) who offer sizes 8 to 14 (or a tall 16) for £25 to

Swinging in the rain

Fair weather golfers may not be keeping up to scratch after a summer of floods and hurricanes, but there are now indoor practice ranges where they can keep dry while improving their swing and which include videos of players in action so that they can see their mistakes.

Among these is The Goifer at 48 Chiltern Street, London WI (01 487 3318), where individual lessons cost £11 for half an bour (or £55 for six). Arrangements can also be made with large companies to give instruction on their own premises. For details contact

The Chinese treasure takeaway



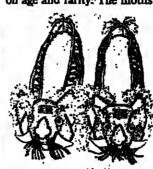
Madame Butterfly: late 19th century silk quilted robe with butterfly embroidery (once worn hy a courtesan). Price £600 from Marilyn Garrow at Liberty. Antique fans from £60

ling to the Far East since 1875. so it can fairly lay claim to the title of "Lao Peng You". It means "old friends".

The store has chosen this title for the most comprehensive exhibition it has ever staged of Chinese goods antique and modern - which includes textiles, furniture, lacquerware. sereens. bamboowork and two and a half tons of marble statues. And it's all for sale.

The 18th and 19th-century textiles, collected by Marylin Garrow, include Kossu robes at £3,000 which would only have been worn by roy princes, gauze robes at £600 worn in the summer and often given as hirthday gifts from the Emperor, and some in-tricately pleated wrap-round skirts from £120 which would

have been worn for burials. Such rare pieces are bought by collectors to display as hangings rather than to wear they would, in any case, tend to look like fancy dress - but there are jacket and dresslength robes with less lavish embroidery which could be worn very successfully as evening coats. Prices are from about £200 to £600, depending on age and rarity. The motifs

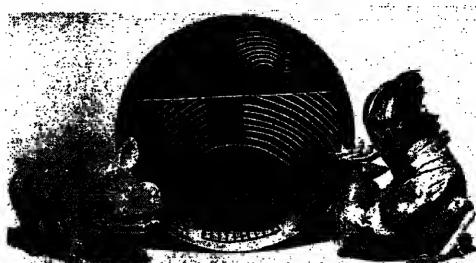


liger tiger: children's slippers £9.95 at Neal Street East

include birds, flowers and figures. Butterflies indicate that the robe was once worn by a courtesan

The treasure trove that Alison Pyrah, Liberty's Oriental department huyer, brings back each year from China always includes a good selection of late 19th-century blue and white porcelain - this year there are 800 pots from £10 to several hundreds for the eager collectors who queue to buy

There are also some fine and rare · Imperial pieces shown in the Liberty ex-hibition by the specialists S.



Animal magic: mythical clay hog made in Bejing £50; carved bird figure lacquer tray made in Shanxi £65; and painted and varnished cockerel in bamboo £25, all at Liberty

Marchant and Son, 120 Ken-sington Church Street, Lon-and flowing robes. They also don W8 (01-229 5319). These include a magnificent bowl at £6,250. Of the Yonzheng period (1723-1735), it is decorated with three fish in underglazed red - the most difficult colour to produce as it often turns brown.

Marchants are also showing pieces from the first Hatcher cargo which sank in the 1640s in the South China Seas; before the highly publicized Nanking cargo which was auctioned earlier this year.

Some of the most curious pieces on show are modern. although made to look ancient and traditional. One of the carved plates in terracotta lacquer was snapped up immediately by the Victoria & Albert Museum for their modern Chinese collection.

tion could be totally modern, or it could be something very traditional", says Alison Pyrah, "No one knows very much about Chinese folk art as there is very little documentation."

comes in the form of bamboo basketware, and in a collection of curious mythical animals made recently hut which look as if they had been buried with the 2,000-year-old clay army of the Emperor Qin Shihuang, discovered in 1984. Prices range from £35 to £75.

"The rather Aztec decora-

More modern folk art

For collectors who want to make a statement that no visitor can overlook there are have eight mythical counter-parts with bird and animal faces, also made in Chinese marble - a very hard form of soapstone - and costing about £500 each.

The exhibition opens on October 2 and continues until October 25. There will be simultaneous exhibitions of a smaller selection of Chinese goods at main Liberty branches throughout the

Sew neat: 19th century needle case £39 at Neal Street East

Two other focal points for Oriental specialities in London are Neal Street East in Covent Garden and the Oriental Shop in Chelsea.

For Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2 (01-240 0135), Christina Smith, who has been visiting China since the end of the cultural revolu-

whose work is only just beginning to be seen in the West.
"Four or five years ago there was a policy to be nice to the minorities who were persecuted during revolution, sbe says. are now being allowed to bring their goods to the Canton Fair and the result is that there are a lot more textiles, ceramics and jewellery available from Tibet, Mongolia and the Laos borders."

Interesting small pieces in-clude a modern green celadonstyle water-drip duck which was used for painting - water is poured in through a hole in the back and dripped slowly out from another hole by the beak, £3.68, and several late 19th-century metal needle cases with intricately worked caps which pull up to reveal a slender tube to hold the needles. Prices around £35. The textiles include children's slippers embroidered with animal faces, £9.95, and there are more than 1,000 books on every subject from cooking to

At the Oriental Shop, 10 Eccleston Street, London SW1 (01-730 4370), Joss Graham has charming brooches made of kingfisher feathers at about £20 and an interesting collection of Tibetan metalware including copper Gau boxes which contained religious scrolls to protect the wearer against evil and which were hung on a belt or round the neck when travelling. In various shapes, some decorated, eight immortals, looking very wares from minority tribes £32 to £45.

IN THE GARDEN

By Francesca Greenoak

Impressions from a man for all seasons

tiving landscape: it is beautiful, carefully composed and secretive, glowing inside high

is immensely courteous, but reserved. There is warmth in his voice as he describes "a special feeling for plants" and how his garden gives him fresh emsight for his paintings. Yet after a long and severe illness.

Paul Gell is selling his house and hidding goodbye to the garden which has served as his inspiration for the past 10

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outh Sound to the ocean The artist's first act of hair greying at the temples. He making a pool surrounded by contrasting textures and col-ours: soft pale Alchemilla foliage and lavatera flowers against the tall dark evergreen spikes of New Zealand flax.

His ideal is "a happy compromise between man and nature, planning and accidents", and he continued to plant using the natural complexity of his two acres to create a series of small, en-

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To visit Paul Gell's garden in Plymouth is to see the subjects of his ravishing paintings in a rock from the top of which sestern side of the house.

From the lawn of the large. garden, which stretches beneath the red elestrut tree. eliff walls.

landscaping was to replace a there is a focus of interest in Gell is a gentle, tall man, his stark bed of hybrid roses, every direction. Draping the high eliff wall, skeins of virginia creeper change from green to autumn crimson, and ivy-leaved toadflax and pretty campunala (Campanula portenschlagiana) flower ahundantly from toe-holds in

the rock crevices. In its shelter is a sunny flowerbed, where all lily-like crinums (safe to plant outdoors, only in milder parts of the country) are still in flower.

A path runs through the herb garden, where the painter's two Russian blue Siamese cats lounge elegantly among the silver white sage and arte-misia, taking you into a quiet dell made into a shady garden.

Two shapely pink lacy-cap hydrangeas with their flowery coronets (Hydrangea macrophylla Mariesii) were "planted to give a splash of blue, but I've decided they're actually nicer as they are". This "happy accident" probably came ahout through a nurseryman's mistake rather

His never uses a sketch pad, but works from memory

than the natural propensity of the species to come pink on an alkaline soil. It is possible to grow blue varieties in chalk or limey soil by adding Sequestrene or aluminium sulphate, and conversely give annual limestone dressings to keep pink kinds from purpling in acid conditions but it seems perverse.

An all-seasons gardener, Paul Gell's passions range from spring tulips "especially the white Mount Tacoma like single peonies" through to the wintry varieties of helle-bore. Most of his plants could be grown in any garden but palms, yucca, mimosa (Acacia dealbara) and a tall strawberry tree with ripe red fruit provide an exotic touch which can be achieved in the southwest of the country. "The bay trees even self-seed here". commented Gell. Pittosporum with their



elegant trees and fuchsias grow into tall shrubs. Fuchsia megellanica Gracilis, twinkling with delicate flowers, is a jewel in any garden, but in most countries, foliage should glossy leaves make slender, be cut back to its base at the

the roots covered with bracken or peat to prevent frost damage. Ground can be landscaped.

vistas planted, but mature trees are a gift from another Seat of inspiration: Paul Gell in his walled garden and (left) his Hisbiscus from Bali, a watercolour, from the 1986 Francis Kyle Gallery calendar lifetime and in Paul Gell's

opinion are "the main consideration when looking for a new garden". He enlarged a window in his house to provide a better view of the huge old cherry, the rare cultivar Tai Haku, the Japanese great white cherry. He has planted a willow

leaved pear (nowadays much more readily available), which is kept pruned so that the wavy silvered foliage shows itself to best advantage. On a grassy slope, be has estab-lished a small orchard, and another part of the garden has elder and other native trees ranged round a small meadow.

In his paintings Paul Geli conveys the vibrancy and colour of each individual. flower, the exact quality of leaf and petal, the odd character of a wirily cork-screwing sweetpea stem. Yet be never takes a sketch-book into the garden, only rarely jams some flowers into a jar in the studio. His work is a distillation of his impressions as he walks and

works in his garden. Fittingly the book of his paintings is called Flowers from a Painter's Garden.

Paul Gell's work may be viewed at the New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, Barnes, London SW3, and at the DM Gallery, 31 Dover Street, London Wi from the end of the month.

WEEKEND TIPS

• Clear up garden debris (including windfall fruit) to avoid overwintering pests and diseases and clean and store bamboo canes. • Watch for the prevalent gres mould (Botrytis) on greenhouse grapes easure that there is a good

• Lift maincrop potatoes and store dry, in sacks. Green tomatoes ripen well if wrapped individually it

• Test early apples and Bears for rig Protect the emerging

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stalk on the wild side

The current rage for wild mushrooms is all very well, but it is dashed frustrating for those who cannot lay their hands on southing more exhands on anything more ex-otic than a well-bred button or a cultivated flap. A couple of other varieties, oyster and shitake mushrooms, are grown for the market, but the more exolic wild mushrooms, fat, flavourous ceps, and apri-cot-scented chanterelles, are as hard to come by as fresh muffles.

Happily, the principles of choosing and cooking mush-rooms are much the same for all varieties. They should be fresh, firm and used as quickly as possible. All are well served by cooking in a shallow pan with good butter, olive oil or bacon fat, and all share an affinity with eggs and cream. Judicious amounts of garlic and lemon juice seldom go

Whether you got drenched in dew picking big open field mushrooms that must be eaten quickly before they selfdestruct, or pieked up a pack of perfectly cultivated open mushrooms from the super-market, stuffing them is ir-resistible. The filling can be as simple as a "snail" hutter loaded with finely chopped garlic and parsley, or some-thing more inventive. This kidney stuffing comes from Californian restaurateur Alice Waters in whose Che: Panisse Cookbook it embellishes boned shoulder or roast spring

Roast mushrooms Serves four

4 large open mushrooms

2 tablespoons virgin olive oil

For the stuffing 170g (6oz) lambs' kidneys 2 tablespoons virgin olive oil

Beware stylish bids

says Jeremy Flint

Rose and Smolski had their

moments in the International

Trials, but their similarity of style proved a predictable handicap. The ideal bridge

partnership should be com-

posed of a pitcher and a

catcher. Rose and Smolski,

both enormously talented

card players, tend to rely on

flair in the bidding rather than

a quest for pinpoint accuracy.

So, now and again, there is a

Later this month, Roman

Smolski will represent Great Britain in the Pairs Olympiad

ride on a roller coaster.

BRIDGE

The pair with flair

Fresh mushrooms from the fields

give Shona Crawford Poole some

savoury ideas for stuffings and fillings



Salt and pepper 45g (1½oz) day-old bread cut into ¼ inch cubes 2 sprigs parsley 2 sprigs thyme

1 sprig marjoram

2 cloves garlic Wipe the mushrooms but do not peel them. Trim the stalks level with the caps. Brush them all over with the oil and arrange them in one layer in an oven-proof dish.

Any of the wild mushrooms can be used to fill these To make the stuffing, trim fragrant savoury strudels. The the kidneys and rinse them addition of dried ceps enriches the flavour if the recipe is well in cold water. Cut them into 1cm (3/8 inch) dice. Sauté the kidneys in the oil over a made with cultivated mushrooms. Dual purpose medium heat for two or three strudel/phyllo pastry is sold minutes. Season with salt and by Greek grocers and many supermarkets. pepper and mix with the diced bread. Stem and roughly chop the herbs and add them to the

rand contains some excellent supporting the characteristics of the shape of the characteristics, the OK, the OK and the

the **+**K and cashed the **+**A.

Mushroom strudels stuffing together with the finely chopped garlic, salt and

the mushrooms.

with cream.

6 sheets strudel pastry 4 tablespoons melted butter

Divide the stuffing between the prepared mushrooms and roast them in a preheated

moderately hot oveo (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for 10 to 15 mioutes. The exact time will depend on the size of

Serve at once with crusty

bread and a green salad, oo toast or with a dish of rich

dauphinoise potatoes baked

1 small onion, finely

chopped Salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 eggs, separated 30g (1oz) fresh breadcrumbs

225g (80z) open mushrooms Melt the butter in a wide pan and cook the onion slowly until it is soft, but not coloured. Add the mushrooms and cook them gently until they have given off theo reabsorbed their liquid. Sea-son the mixture and leave it to cool before stirring in the egg

Whisk the egg whites to a stiff meringue and fold it into the mushroom mixture, fol-lowed by the breadcrumbs.

To assemble the strudels, lay a sheet of the paper-thin pastry on a clean surface and brush it with melted butter. Take one sixth of the filling mixture and lay it in a bar about 10cm/4 inches long in the middle of one short edge of the dough. Dribble a tea-spoonful of melted hutter over the filling and roll up the pastry very loosely to allow the filling to expand, making two or three turns before folding the sides in over the filling, and rolling to the end of the strip. Form the remain-ing strudels the same way.

Arrange the pastries, slightly apart and seam side down on a buttered baking tray and brush them with melted butter. Bake them in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/370°F, gas mark 5) for about 35 minutes, or until they are golden.

Serve the mushroom strudels hot or warm as a snack or

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in Miami, playing with Hen-ry Bethe. Bethe, an American discarding a diamond from dummy. He ruffed a spade in dummy, released the VA and by birth, has established the ruffed a heart with the \$2. He cashed the OK and OA and ruffed a diamond with required residential status by living in England for the past two years. Smolski and Bethe dummy's \$10, to leave this position with the lead in dummy. have already achieved some exceptional results, and I have high hopes that their partnership will continue to ₹ 0764 flourish. Here they are in action in the Harold Foster Cup, the main event of the EBU summer meeting, which attracted an entry of over 500 Love All A heart ruffed with the A Dealer South ohliged West to underruff. When Smolski played his last diamond. West could make his 4Q, then or later, but he could not defeat the stam.

Against this skilful lioe of play. West's five trumps were as innocuous as tin tacks under a steam roller. 'Deep garnet colour' Full, balanced wine, tinged with oak" "Elegant, with long "Unmistakably CUNE" From CUNE, a range of very fine wines including the incomparable Imperial

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EATING OUT

Fitzrovia used to be a more another was a salad of smoked raffish, less sleazy Soho. It's chicken that included daisies not like that now; Bohemia died more than two decades ago. The Ad World has taken over, it is from here that the nation's minds are manipulated by persons wearing spectable frames the colour of winegums, and driving any car as long as it's a D-reg Porsche with a spoiler. If you don't believe me, go to Chez

Gerard, where careworn "creatives" reward themselves after a morning's exhausting graft. The meat here is higher qual-

ity than is usual in similar restaurants there, but the If we take a peep at West's hand, Smolski's prospects look far from bright. Smolski won the lead with prices are higher. It is grilled on eharcoal and the best value is in those chunks - ribs or Chateaubriand - which serve: two people.

I ate the Friday dish of the Midi. aioli (garlic may-onnaise) with salt cod, boiled potatoes and baby turnips; the lish was as good as one is likely to get in this country— and showed that Chez Gerardean cater for those who are not 100 per cent carnivores. £38 for two.

Auntie's is a cruel warning to copywriters not to fail in Adland. If they do, they'll have to eke out a living composing whimsical names for dishes that deserve better: Colonel's curried egg may-onnaise, Tweed kettle pie, Nanny Campbell's basic lemon fluff. Still, I shouldn't let this

detract from what is a pleasant and original establishment. The cooking as the names indicate, is English, but it's done with unusual flair. One starter was the ne plus ultra of old-fashioned tea-room crab;

(sounds twee, tastes good); a third was a rather Baltic mix of soused herring, potato.

apple and sour cream. The £12.50 set menu offers six main courses, of which the above-mentioned Tweed kettle pic was outstanding -



Tweed kettle pie

sauce with a light pastry top. Also trout cooked in paper, which is a way of achieving the effect of foil, without making the table look like a takeaway; and steak with "trunklemeats", in other words mustard, a home-made horseradish cream and so on. Vegetables are first-rate and so are the English cheeses. About £40 for two.

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Russian revolution

In this series of articles on challengers for the world championship, that great Russian, Mikhail Tchigorin, 1892

At a time 5 cd 7 dd powerful Steinitz insisted that the Evans Gambit was unsound, and that in the Queen's Pawn Openings it was illegal to block the "c" pawn. Tchigorin espoused both antitheses with vigour. He contested numerous Evans Gambits with Steinitz and introduced the defence I d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6.

This is still considered dubious, though Tony Miles came close earlier this year to registering an upset defeat against Karpov, using Tchigorin's invention. Final-Tehigorin pioocered

. Nio as an answer to I d4. This was anathema to the classicists who argued that I d4 must be parried with
1 . . d5. Interestingly,
Karpov has a poor record against Kasparov after I d4
Nf6, but has performed
respectably when he defends
with I d4 d5.

Here is a game from the second of Tchigorin's titanic struggles with Steinitz

The second secon

White: Tchigorin; Black: Evans Gambit, Havanna

This wastes time; 7... Bb6 15 20 improvement.

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14 24 c8

lo order to salvage his Bishop, but now the d6 square becomes weakened and ripe for invasion.
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17 Bas Kgs 18 Ren Mrs

The widely-praised sacrifice is spectacular and quite in Tchigorio's dashing style, but is it necessary? White's position is already so overpowering that the simple 19 a5 Bxa5 20 Rxb7 would be quite

19 ... Keff 20 st Kes6 Of course oot 20 ... Qxe6 21

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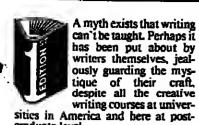
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REVIEW

Secret formula for writing a best seller

Writing a Thriller by André Jute (Adam & Charles Black, £4.95); The Craft of Writing Romance by Jean Saunders (Allison & Busby, £2.95); Writing Crime Fiction by H. R. F. Keating (Adam & Charles Black, £4.95)



This last piece of information comes from Writing a Thriller by André Jute, who also tells us tren-chantly that "the difference and a work in leading pression and a work in leading press the leading practitioner and a mere journeyman lies mostly in the application each brings to his craft".

None of these writers leaves us in doubt that the creating of fiction, genre fiction at any rate, can be learnt. All are shy of recipes, of the novel by technology out of formula. All acknowledge that the desire to do it has got to be there, some kind of vital spark. And André Jute says that the thriller is now a respectable genre.

Well, mayhe . . . but whatever he may do for aspiring, as yet un-published, writers he is very support-

ive of the rest of us genre fictionists, going about as we do with chips on our shoulders. For those who are beginning he has plenty of good advice. "Don't use names from the telephone book", he directs a weather eye on libel risks. "Use town names from the back of a gazetteer."

My own method exactly, Watson. good deal of the enjoyment I derived from these books was finding recommended so many things I do myself and, perhaps naïvely, thought I was alone in doing. Though I must say I never considered not having

It is also quite a tough manual of instruction. A hero, for instance, should be slightly older than the heroine. Characters must offer something to the story i.e. to the furtherance of romance. To bring in an interesting Spanish waiter just because you've been on holiday to Majorca . . . is not sufficient."

Names are important, but "a virilesounding name like Teak" Miss Saunders considers too gimmicky. Teak? It opens up such possibilities. How about Mahogany or Hornbeam? Or would that be encroaching on

The desire to do it has got to be there — some vital spark •

social workers, miners or missionaries among my characters on the grounds that such people aren't exciting enough.

Jute is great on building tension and on telling n story through snappy dialogue. I especially like the sample command: "Pass me the grappling iron, quick man', he shouted."

We have all experienced love, Jean Saunders telle me though hem.

Saunders tells us, though how many have direct knowledge of espionage or murder? The Craft of Writing Romance is all about love and, indeed, chapter one is called "Loving

Lord of the Rings country: a quite different region on the genre map? With the change in women's status, heroine may have an interesting

job, and it is worth the writer's while to spend time researching unusual callings. Not a sewage engineer though, says H. R. F. Keating, who "is hardly going to appeal to the escapist element in your readership".

Writing Crime Fiction is enormously entertaining - I am tempted to say at least as readable as many of the crime novels it cites. Can there really once have been a series featuring a slave detective of Ancient Rome? Since I am mentioned per-haps I should declare an interest; but so are a host of crime writers whose work Keating advises his readers to study - surely the best way to learn.

He also gives one of the most perceptive definitions I have come across of the difference between crime writing and pure novels. The former puts readers and their entertainment first, the latter primarily express the feelings of the writer.

An indomitable will is what the aspiring writer will need, says Jute. Keating points out the importance of luck and Saunders of a sincere belief in the seriousness of romance.

When dealing with sexual matters, writers must not allow themselves to be inhibited by what their relatives may think. Never mind Great Aunt Ethel's blushes. Don't muffle the excitement in action scenes advises Keating, admirably quoting Graham Greene with similes and metaphors. Be tough on those adjectives that will

I see these books as n private godsend. I shall recommend them to those who ask me how to write fiction instead of posting off the long and possibly not very helpful essays I used to produce on the craft. And stop saying it can't he taught, which is perhaps itself only a romantic

Ruth Rendell

The flower power of Oxford

Batey (Scolar Press/Gower Publishing, £8.50)

ford contributed to the history and civilization of this country, one could be forgiven for not thinking of its influence on gardens.But to neglect how members of the university influenced the development of ideas about garden design and content and, at the same time, responded uniquely to the mood and ideals of successive periods, would be to miss a

significant area of interest. Mavis Batey's book is a history of gardens and garden-ers at Oxford from medieval times to the present day. Io it, she covers all aspects of the life of the university which have influenced garden his-tory in its widest sense.

We meet eccentric inhabitants, like the college president who called his dog a cat in order to get round regulations, and delight in the ecceptric solutions these inhabitants found to the problems of their day.

What more perfect answer could there be to the dilemma of oot wishing to charge an entrance fee for the charity performance of Alice in B'onderland, staged in Worcester College garden, than that offered by Lewis Carroll himself - to charge the audience to leave? Or who could fail to delight in the story of the ivy at Magdalen that found its way into the cellars and consumed the

Fellows' port? More scriously, the book is particularly interesting where its author considers Oxford in Commonwealth and Restoration times, when the university was ahlaze with the new empiricism. Both garden de-sign and the study of new plants that arrived in significant numbers from abroad were felt to be of central importance to the new

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considering when, and why, horticulture lost its positioo at the centre of the stage and when gardens ceased to reflect the spirit of the age.

It was the Picturesque Movement which first dis-tanced the observer looking for an effect, rather than a truth. Certainly it is difficult today to detect the influence of such sure guiding hands as those so admirably portrayed here. College archives, it seems, are the last repositories of more ambitious schemes for college gardens than were

ever approved by the Fellows. How different, for example, Cambridge would have looked, had Capability Brown's grand scheme for a lake behind King's College been carried out. Predictably, the other colleges were not particularly interested in cooperating as they were assigned a subsidiary role while King's was the "country house".

Strong characters, in a It is perhaps worthwhile university setting, make the

Worcester College: a 19th-century engraving showing the Provost's Lodgings looking like a Palladian house best gardeners, being the only people capable of getting things done. One was the redoubtable Miss Annie Rog-ers who, single-handed, because she wanted it that way, created the gardens at St.

It was said that when she visited the Bidder rock garden

an odd snip here and there, if Miss Rogers was seen to appear with her umbrella, a favourite receptacle for cuttings, she must oo no account

be left on her own." For anyooe with an interest in garden history or the his-

were warned that although a essential book although those blind eye might be turned oo oot entirely familiar with the layout of every court and quad would have welcomed more maps and plans. And a closer watch by the publishers would have spotted the few incorrect spellings of Latin names that irk in a book such as this.

Jokes left a blank feeling

Taking Off. An anthology of parodies, send-ups and imitations, edited by Tim Dowley (Methuen, £4.95)

I was sitting outside a café near Harrods, pondering on this book of parodies, when along burst Billy Connolly. "I used to write that sort of thing", he said. So we looked up Councily in the index, but discovered only Cyril and his

ineffectual send-up of James "The thing about parody", said Billy, "is that it doesn't work unless you *love* what you're parodying." I found this was true when I

turned to Miles Kington's affectionately-written Radio 4 dialogue between Richard Baker and Kenneth Robinson. In just a few lines Miles had put a tired 15-year-old relationship into perspective — as a sort of unthinking man's Lauret and Hardy.

Robinson: "T've been to the National Underwear Show at Olympia, Richard." Baker: "Which reminds me, Kenneth, you've been to the National Underwear Show at

Robinson: "I certainly have, Richard."

Very rarely do you get such a vivid picture of total lack of communication. Though Tony Hendra does well here, too, with his glimpse of a madesperately trying to get in touch with his saviour. "O rare and bloody Jesus, I love Thy blood so red. I loved you when you were alive. I love you better dead."

There is certainly no love in the writing of that snide overstatement of Christian belief. But it is not a genuine parody. Nor is Private Eye's day in the after-life of Malcolm Muggeridge, who boasts of having lanch in heaven with Pope Paul VI, Victor Silvester and Doris Waters - "a lovely lady whose life was spent in what I gather is called 'show

The parody fails, because Malcolm has never behaved like those dotty old mag-istrates who feign ignorance of

worldly matters.
Good parodies have to be both loving and accurate. That is certainly not true of Paul Griffin's cruel and pointless "Christopher Robin is draw-

from chronic bronchitis and tension". But it is true of a piece by Sheridan Morley, who has written an hilarious excerpt of Pinter's The Caretaker in the style of Private Lives. ("Very flat, Sidcup.")

I was looking for a way of summing-up this collection when I noticed Michael Palin's eestatic review of it, printed on the jacket.

"This book", wrote Mr Palin, without realizing he was inventing an entirely new yardstick for the measuring of literature, "deserves high praise for the amount it man-ages to fit in." I was thinking how well that

review could apply to the Bible, Shakespeare and Jef-frey Archer, when I found Michael Palin was being even more Pythonesque than he

In spite of the praiseworthy amount the book manages to fit in, it still has 45 blank pages. So maybe it also de-serves high praise for what it manages to leave out.

Kenneth Robinson

Otympia, haven't yon?" Pasternak would blow a fuse

The Electrification of the Soviet Union by Craig Raine (Faber, £3.50)



By 1934, Pasternak had already created the verse and the prose by which Russian culture is to be measured for millennia to come and of which his later. Nobel Prize-winning Dr Zhivago period is but an echo. Gentleman or male chauvinist, in his personal life Pasternak clung to the standards of his milieu. Likewise, his poetry and prose exist as a logical continuation - or culmination - of the Russian literary tradition.

embarrassment that the poet dropped it.

All this is relevant because Craig Raine has published his libretto for an opera based on the work of Pasternak. The Electrification of the Service Union. The libretto, like Mr Raine's earlier books, stands athwart that tradition,

and the legitimacy of the whole endeavour can hardly remain unquestioned.

That Mr Raine has made a career of adaptation, often basing his poems on Russian models, does not in itself make him any less original than, say. Virgil. Yet literary innovation — or quality — is not so much a matter of "what" as of "how": and this is where Mr Raine's method amounts to colossal failure.

The Last Summer. Pasternak's vaguely autobiographical novella on which Mr Raine's libretto is based, is a miracle of poetic prose

whose salient feature is its near-cryptic subtlety. For his effort. Mr Raine "hit on the notion of an octosyllabic line" which is "both shapely and colloquial". Indeed, his hero tells a woman that her "slow nipples gather closely in the cold (he goes on to list her other enchantments), to which she replies, "my hreasts aren't bad".

On the whole, the exchange would be jarring in a Dreigroschenoper: in an opera about Pasternak it's idiotic. By obviating the poet's prose to focus on the "plot" of the novella which he invents, since there really isn't much of onc - Mr Raine makes his hero into a "Russian" puppet, mouthing "poetic" platitudes eight syllables too long for anyone's ear. The only electricity here comes from Pasternak turning in his coffin, although not enough to illumine a murky poetry scene.

ON THE AIR



Teacher's pet: Mandy Miller with Jack Hawkins and Phyllis Calvert

When silence spoke a thousand words

In the career of the best Ealing director. Alexander Meckendrick. Mandy (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.55pm-12.40am) is the odd film out, the only non-comedy among credits that included Whisky Galore! The Man in the White Suit and The Ladykillers. Mackendrick's pictures were distinguished from other Ealing comedies by their cut-

Ealing comedies by their cut-ting edge. They were not the cosy, complacent studies of a more or less merrie England that Ealing usually produced.

Mandy, made in 1952, is not only Mackendrick's only excursion into Ealing drama but superficially his most conventional film, the quasi-documentary story of how n deaf and dumb child is treated for her affliction wrapped up in a banal family saga.

But a careful look at Mandy reveals that it has the same depth and insight that Mackendrick brought to his other work. This can be traced most obviously in the portrait of Mandy's father (played by Terence Morgan).

While Mandy has a direct physical handicap, her father has n no less telling emotional and psychological one. This comes to the surface during the rift between himself and FILMS ON TV

his wife (Phyllis Calvert) over whether Mandy should attend a special school

Dutiful, but blinkered, he is adamant that Mandy should stay apart from other children, and have n private governess, while Mandy's mother takes the opposite view. The mar-riage itself comes under strain and relationships further deteriorate when the father accuses his wife of having an affair with Mandy's teacher

(Jack Hnwkins). The gradual rehabilitation of Mandy takes place against this background and in an ironic way there seems more hope in the end for the child than her parent. There are two pattles in the film. One is Mandy's against her handi-cap. The second is the wife's

RECOMMENDED

The Eagle (Channel 4, Wed, 9-10.30pm) is another in the series of silent classics restored by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill and given a new score by Carl Davis. It is being shown on the 60th of its pringers are of the death of its anniversary of the death of its star, Rudolph Valentino. Made in 1925, The Eagle

Thematic considerations aside, the impact of the film derives in large part from the remarkable performance of the eight-year-old with the Chinese eyes and podgy checks, Mandy Miffer. Her performance, like the film which was named after her,

when was mansed after ner, completely avoids the pitfall of sentimentality.

The screening of Mandy is linked to a series called Fifties Features (Channel 4, 5.15-6pm) which looks at the position of women in the British cinema during the post-war era. Mandy Miller and Phyths Calvert talk about Mandy and there are contributions from the few women -Wendy Toye, Mariel Box -who made it to the director's

chair. Peter Waymark

signafied Valentino's return to the screen after an absence of two years. He plays a Cossack lieutenant who turns bandit to avenge the seizure of his father's lands, a good bad man in the tradition of Robin Hood and Zorro, only to fall in love with his enemy's daughter. The director was Clarence Brown, later to make his name with Greta Garbo.

Death takes a back seat

TELEVISION

There are few better subjects for black comedy than a dead body that cannot be disposed of. Hitchcock used it in The Trouble With Harry and Lesley Bruce returns to the theme in Shift Work (BBC2, Wed,

9.25-IQ.20 pm). Maureen Lipu lie, a single parent with three children who makes ends meet by driving a mini cab. But she is not properly insured and loses her job, though she is given one last fare: an Arab who inconveniently expires en route from Heathrow.

Being the middle of the night the mortuary is closed, and a hospital refuses to help. Despite some improbabilities. il is a nicely diverting piece that knows exactly how long to keep the joke going. Furthermore, it is based on a

real life incident.
Talking of Hitchcock. Omnibus starts a two-part profile of him on Friday (BBC1, 10.25-II.30 pm). Fans may not find very much that is new, but it is a lively and informative introduction to the man who. François Truffaut once said, shot murders tike love scenes and love scenes like murders.

There is, thank goodness, little theorizing about inner motives. Instead, the programme tries to briog out, through the testimony of ac-tors and writers, what it was like to be involved in the

making of a Hitchcock film. Thus we have James Stewart on Rear Window, Teresa

Assembling a star cast that any West End theatre manager would envy. Radio 3 presents the British premiere of The Compromise (Friday, 7.30-9.05pm) by the Hungarian dissident, Istvan Eorsi.

It is a piece from the heart, an angry exploration of the limits to free expression in a totalizarian regime by one who became a "prohibited" play-wright in his own country and was later deprived of his Ronald Pickup is the writer,

Zohan, who after eight years of labour has produced his 1.200-page history of post-1956 Hungary. As he lies in n hospital bed, likely soon to die, his book is acclaimed as a work of genius. But at the time the authori-

ties are demanding cuts and alterations. Will the ailing Zoltan compromise and "leave the world a master-piece" or will the book remain unaltered and unpublished? Juliet Stevenson plays Zoltan's actress wife, with John Hurt as a playwright who

represent officialdom. There is more international drama comorrow when the Andrei Navrozov Globe Theatre production

has designs on her. Bernard

Hepton and Hugh Dickson



Dead end: Arab Tony Allef and cabbie Maureen Lipman

and Joan Fontaine on Rehecca. There are examples of Hitchcock's penchant for cruel jokes and it seems that the stories about his liking to humiliate actresses were not ton wide of the mark.

The problem for the makers of The Story of English (BBC2, Mon. 8.05-9 pm) was how to make a visual series about the abstract concepts of words and language. As anyone familiar with television techniques might have guessed, the solution was to tell the story through people

The opening programme (of nine) explores the proposition that English has been more influential than any language the world has known, lonks at the surprising survival of En-

Wright on Shadow of a Doubt glish in the former colonial territories and shows how new words are being created from such diverse sources as feminism and the computer. The archive series Trav-

ellers in Time returns on Wednesday (BBC2 7.30-g pm) with the story of the Turkestan to Siberia railway built in the late 1920s. It was an heroic fcat of early Soviet planning, and was recorded in a famous documentary film.

Most of BBC2 this evening (from 5.20 pm) and tomorrow (until 6 am) is devoted to the annual music marathon, Rock Around the Clock. The hill includes a Rock Lookalike competition and fontage from the first edition. 15 years ago, of The Old Grey Whistle Test.

When free expression costs dear

RADIO



(Radio 4. 2.30-4pm) is Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author. Charles Gray, Yvonne Bryceland and

Cherie Lunghi star in the

teasing story of characters in a

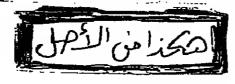
play who have been abandoned by their creator.

In Figures in n Bygone
Landscape (Radio 4, Mon, 8.43-9am) Don Haworth, radio playwright and producer of the award-winning tele-vision film. Fred Dibnah. Steeplejack, evokes his 1920s childhood in Lancashire. Stephen Thorne reads the first of 10 extracts from Haworth's gentle, evocative memoir which has just been published

by Methuen (£9.95).

James Turtle's documentary, More Than Pantomime Warfare (Radio 4, 8.30-9pm) recalls the extraordinary Dogger Bank affair of October 1904 when British trawlers in the North Sea were fired upon by four Russian battleships. Linked to Russia's humiliating defeat by the Japanese at the other end of the world, the incident sparked off a dip-Iomatic crisis.

It's a Formy Business returns tomorrow (Radio 2, 7-7.30pm) with more helpings of showbusiness nostalgia when Mike Craig talks to Alf Pearson, of the singing duo, Bob and Alf Pearson. Future guests include Ben Warriss and Elsie Waters.





BOOKS

COME TO GRIEF: Paul Bailey, in his new novel, Gabriel's Lament (published on Thursday by Jonathan Cape, £9.95) offers a funny and horrifying picture of eccentric English life from the early 1940s to the present. Gabriel's grief follows a strange bequest from his father.



THEATRE LIVING KAFKA: Geoffrey Palmer,

the lugubrious face of many of a television sitcom, plays the central figure of Alan Bennett'a Kafka's Dick, a writer who idolizes Kafke and lives his life through him. With Alison Steadmen. Royal Court (01-730 5174), from Tuesday after previews.



OPERA

LONDON WELSH: Brian McMaster, who has shaped the Welsh National Opera for the last decade as its general administrator, brings the company to Covent Garden for the first time with a complete Ring cycle. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), from Thursday.



TELEVISION

PRIVATE LIVES: The Prince and Princess of Wales are the subject of a two-part ITV profile presented by Alastair Burger. For the first time the cameras were allowed behind the scenes to catch their off-duty moments. Tomorrew, 7.45-8.50pm, and Monday, 7.30-8.30pm.



FILMS

GREEK TRAGEDY: Kate Neiligan stars with John Malkovich in Eleni (PG), the true story of an American journalist's search for the truth about his mother's death : during the Greek civil war of the 1940s. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Friday.



CONCERTS

GLASS EYES: Philip Glass, the guru of systema music, brings his ensemble back to London with exerpts from his operaa Einstein on the Beach and Akhnaten, plus music written for the choreographer Twyla Tharp. Royal Albert Hall (01-589 8212), Friday.

TIMES CHOICE

FILMS

OPENINGS

OTELLO (U): Verdi's opera, oriello (Ur. verd s opera, sumptuously transferred to the screen by Franco Zeffirelli, with Placido Domingo (Otello), Katia Ricciarelli (Desdemona), Justio Diaz (lago) and much location camerawork. Lorin Maazel conducts. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). From Tues.

THE LEGEND OF THE SURAM FORTESS (U): Sergei Paradianov, the Georgian director of The Colour of Pomegranates, returns after years of silence with a beautiful, cryptic version of a Georgian legend about the construction of a fortress.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443).

ABOUT LAST NIGHT (18): Lightweight study in the mating habits of young Americans, derived — at a polite distance — from David Mamet's one-act play Sexual Perversity in Chicago. Edward Zwick directs Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Jim

Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). From Fri.

SELECTED

TROUBLE IN MIND (15): Alan Rudolph's playful, strenuously stylish thriller, with Kris Kristofferson as an ex-cop with a past, mixed up with drifters and dreamers Screen on the Green (01-226 3520), Cannon Oxford Street

THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE (18) Satirical Canadian comedy. entred round a dinner party for sex-obsessed academics directed by Denys Arcand. One of the hits at Carnes Renoir (01-837 8402), Chelsea

Cinema (01-351 3742). MONA LISA (18): Neil Jordan's off-beat comedy-drama, with



Bob Hoskins (above) in fine form as the bemused chauffeur Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

A BETROTHAL: Ben Kingsley and Geraldine James in tha world premiere of a play by Lanford Wilson, directed by Alison Sutcliffe. Late nights only, at one of the smallest Fringe theatres in London. The Man in the Moon, 392 Kings Road, London SW3 (01-351 2876). Previews Fr 27, 28. Opens Sep 30.

OPENINGS

THE MAGISTRATE: Pinero farce, directed by Michael Rudman, with Nigel Hawthorne, Gemma Craven, Nicholas Le Prevost, Graeme Henderson, Frank Lazerus, Alison Fiske, Jeffry Wickham. Lyttelton (01-928 2252). reviews Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory. Thurs, Fri.

OUR LADY: The Women's Theatre Group in a "blasphemous thriller" by Deborah Levy. Three present-day women claim to be Our Lady. They are tried for heresy by a representative of the Holy Inquisition, summoned from tha 15th century. London premiere. Driff Half Arts Centre, 16

Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-637 8270). Opens Tues.

TALK TO ME: William Humble'a play about

responses to depression and attitudes to analysis has Alan Doble leading a cast directed by Wyn Jones in the opening production at this re-furbished and revived theatre.
New End Theatre, 27 New End,
London NW3 (01-794 0022).
Preview today. Opens Mon.

SELECTED

WOMAN IN MIND: Ayckbourn's latest foray into middle-class frustration. Julia McKenzie shines as the touched fantasist of the title. Vaudeville (01-836 9988).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: Lorca's last tragedy of Spanish manners, robus played by Joan Plowright, Glenda Jackson, Amanda Root Lyric, Hammersmith (01-741 2311).

OUT OF TOWN

BELFAST: Lady Windermere's Fan: Honor Blackman as Mrs Erlynne in the Oscar Wilde lay, directed by Richard Digby Lyric Ptayers (0232 660081). Until Oct 4.

DARLINGTON: The Old Man of Lochnagar: Whirligig Theatre tour of David Wood's musical play, based on the book by the Prince of Wales. Due at Sadler's Wells in November. Civic (0325 486555). Opens Mon. Until Sep 27.

MANCHESTER: To Kill a Mockingbird: European premiere of Christopher Sergel's dramatization of the Harper Lee novel, directed by Anthony Clark, Contact (061 273 5696). Opens

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Sweeney Todd: Stephen Sondheim's "musical thriller" about the demon barber of Fleet Street, with Michael N. Harbour, Toni Palmer, Janis Kelly, Directed by Ken Hill. Playhouse (0632 323421). Until

PLYMOUTH: Pump Boys & Dinettes: American country-rock musical, which ran in the West End, now beginning a regional tour in a new production.

The Drum, Theatre Royal (0752 669595). Until Oct 4 SHEFFIELD: Pinocchio Boys: Paines Plough present a fantasy comedy by Jim Morris about three teenage television Crucible Studio (0742 769922). Opens Mon.

ROCK AND JAZZ

AL JARREAU: Sweetvoiced soul-jazz crooner, sharing tha bill with the somewhat tougher Gwen Guthria. Tonight, Wambley Arena (01-902 1234).

CLARK TRACEY QUINTET:

Son of Stan stokes his fine hard-bop band's fires with a Blakeyesque zest. Tonight, Ruins, Lincoln; tomorrow, Spring Street Theatre, Hull (0482 23638); Mon, Coconut Grove, Leeds (0532 455718); Tues. Corner House Hotel, Newcastle (091 6259602); 27129); Thurs, Band on the Wall, Manchester (061 834 1786); Fri, Dovecote Arts Centre, Stockton (0642 611625).

STAN RIDGEWAY: The "Camouflage" man makes a quick return. Tomorrow and Mon, Marquee, 90 Wardour Street London W1 (01-437 6603). CAMEO: Hot funk from

Larry Blackmon's crew.
Tomorrow, Royal Concert
Hall, Nottingham (0602
472328); Mon, Oxford
Apollo (0865 244544); Tues,
Hammersmith Odeon. London W6 (01-748 4081); Wed, Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 291768); Fri, Birmingha Odeon (021 643 6101). CHRIS DE BURGH: The Perry Como of the Eighties. Tomorrow, Liverpool Empire (051 7091555): Mon Manchester Apollo (061 643

6101). ROD STEWART: Enjoying a new lease of #fe. Wed/Thurs, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234).

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Three further performances of The Snow Queen, this afternoon, this evening and Mon, conclude the company's short London Covent Garden (01-240

MICHAEL CLARK: The new show continues for one more



Michael Clark (above) and his company go to New York and Europe. dier's Wells (01-278

MATTHEW HAWKINS: His Imminent Dancers Group has one more performance tonight at The Place (01-387 0031).

OPERÁ

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The last cut-price preview performance on Tues at 7.30pm of Jonathan Miller's new, un-Japanese
Mikado: then the first night on ep 27, with Richard Angas in the title role, supported by. Richard Van Allan as Pooh Bah and Lesley Garrett as Yum-Yum. Peter Robinson conducts. Two performances of Miller's rather heavy-handed Figaro on Wed and Fri chances to see Il trovatore tonight and Thurs at 7.30pm.

Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). **OPERA NORTHERN**

IRELAND: A new season with new artistic management is underway, with Ariache on Nexos tonight, Wed and Fri, with Rita Cullis, Nan Christie, Eddwan Horshy Konsidth Elddwen Harrhy, Kenneth Wootham and Geoffrey Dolton. Then on Tues, Thurs and Sep 27, Christopher Renshaw's new production of Verdi's Falstaff, conducted by Kenneth Montgomery, with Helen Walker and Patrick Power. All performances start at 7.30pm. Grand Opera, Belfast (0232 241919).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

PUBLIC ARTISTS: A week when Sirmingham'a contemporary artists put on exhibitions and open their studios to the public. All over Birminghem.
For information: 73c Church
Road, Moseley, Birmingham
(021 449 5895) from today until next Sunday.

CONTRARIWISE: Major exhibition of Surrealist art, including painting, sculpture, photography, film and photography, film and television, right through to advertisements today. Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Alexandra Road, Swansea (0792 55006) from today. TAUROMAQUIA: Sixty prints by Goya and Picasso on tha

Museum, Nuremberg of ceramics influenced by

theme of the builfight. Warwick Arts Trust, \$3

Warwick Square, London SW1 (01-834 7856) from Wed. WEIMAR CERAMICS: Loan exhibition from the National Bauhaus teaching. The Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington (01-589 6371) from Wed.

SELECTED

JULIAN SCHNABEL: A decade of painting by the controversial New York artist. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-

PICASSO: Excerpts from the 175 personal sketchbooks kept by the master. The Royal Academy, Piccadilly London W1 (01-734 9052).

CAPITAL GAINS: Archaeological survey of London resulting from recent Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-

CONCERTS

ELLY AMELING: Singing many Ravel songs, some Debu Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

CLAUDIO ARRAU: In Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 with the LSO. Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos also conducts Debussy's Noctumes and the 1919 version of Stravinsky's Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-

638 8891). Today, 7.45pm. TIPPETT'S CHILD: The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chorus and soloists interpret Tippett's Child of Our Time and his Corelli Fantasia Concertante, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Tues, 7:30pm.

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EAST OF VIENNA: The Nash Ensemble plays Denisov's Sextet, Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. Wigmore Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

MORE MAHLER: Gluseppe Sinopoli conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mahler'a Symphony No 6, which takes up the whole concert. Royal Festival Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

SHOSTAKOVICH'S 80TH: Maxim Shostakovich conducts the LSO in his father's Age of Gold Suite, Symphony No 15, Lynn Harrell solos in Cello Concerto No 1, all to mark the 80th anniversary of the composer's birth. Barbican Centre. Thurs,

7.45pm. LONDON PIANO: A gala concert to launch the London International Piano Competition finds Sir Colin Compension tries are Company to the ECO in Mozart's G minor Symphony K 550, Radu Lupu soloing in the C minor Concerto K 491. Queen Elizabeth Hall. Thurs, 7.45pm.

PREVIN/RPO: André Previn takes the RPO through Rossini'a Italiana in Algeri Overture, Rachmaninov'a Symphony No 2, and Tchaikovsky a Violin Concerto. Royal Festival Hall. Fri. 7.30pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Postal bookings opened this week, for new ballet by Siobhan Davids. and London premieres of Interrogations and Ceramony. Nov 18-Dec 6. Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1. (01-278 BACH AND THE CITIES OF **EUROPE:** Series of concerts

by London Bach Orchestra.

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tracing Bach's music through

Venice, Rome, Paris, Mannheim and Vienna. Oct. 3-June 1987. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1. (91-928 3191, credit cards 01-

LAST CHANCE

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL PRINT BIENNALE: Selection from Britain'a most exciting print exhibition held in Bradford, Ends tomorrow. Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01 589 6371).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times. telephone the numbers listed. Films: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Opera: Hilary Finch; Dance: John Percival: Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Concerts: Max Harrison; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

a panto pumpkin



melda Staunion tells a good tale against herself. days, when her now siender 5ft frame weighed in at 9 stone Illb, she attempted to take to the air in Exeter as a replete Cinderella. As her partner in levitation strained to raise her to greater heights, a

loud groan of sympathy came from the audience. But worse was to follow. Persuaded by a fellow performer to delight a little girl in the fover who was demanding to meet Cinders herself, she approached the young sup-plicant and revealed her pantomime identity. The child, looking as though she was faced with a pumpkin rather than a fairy princess, burst into tears of disbelief. l, too, had difficulty in recognizing Imelda Staunton, only the morning after I had

seen her play the leading role of Bess Bridges in the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest niotous production. The Fair Maid of the West. The two parts of Thomas Heywood's comic Elizabethan "epic" have been cut and cohhled together, with songs added to taste, and given the runaround of every aisle and gallery in Stratford's splendid new small theatre, the Swan. On stage Miss Staunton's hair was kempt, tamed, in

tune with her controlled, neat presence — ever ready to make ereat leaps in tone or motion ut on her terms. Off stage. with pale skin and bright blue eves, she was dwarfed by a savage ahundance of nale russet hair, resplendent in its havoc like a trampled ripe harvest. The effect was rather like that of Janis Joplin playing Medusa. Imelda Staunton is far pret-

ticr than was Janis Joplin and very much less socially venomous than Medusa, but if there was ever an actor with the range to play both of them. it is she. Since leaving RADA in 1976 her roles have included Electra and St Joan in Exeter: an acclaimed Piaf in Nothingham: two stints as the nasally melodious Miss Adclaide in Richard Eyre's production of Guys and Dolls

Imelda Staunton's she confesses. Though very roles have ranged

from Cinderella to Piaf. Now it's her debut at Stratford

at the National, where she also played Lucy Lockit in The Beggar's Opera; and the down-trodden Hannah in Ayckbourn's A Chorus of Dis-approval, which brought her the Laurence Olivier award for best supporting actress.

She appeared with Deborah Kerr in The Corn is Green and. was the first woman ever to play Lucky in Waiting for Godot, in a production at the Midland's Art Centre. She also flexes her beautiful singing voice in a pub band run by the designer Bill Dudley, which goes under the quaint name of Morris Minor and the Austin Sevens. No doubt she could easily change gear to give us Joplin's celebrated "Oh Lord won't you buy me.a Mercedes Benz"?

She learnt to change her voice at an early age. The daughter of immigrant Irish parents, she was sent to a London convent which gave its charges elecution lessons.

hese developed laterinto drama lessons. The young "better" spoken Miss Staunion was encouraged to apply for drama school. She enjoyed "a truly wonderful couple of years at RADA", after which she was soon thrust into major roles. "Given that amount of responsibility early on made me work very hard. I thought I had to carry the can even if I wasn't very good at it."

When she played Electra the director, Richard Digby Day who had taught her at drama school, added to her vocal range by sending her back to RADA for lessons to lower her pitch. When she played Piat she practised the songs for 10 months. "After Piaf I thought I could do anything. Bluff is my middle name".

critical of her own work and by her own admission, a bad auditioner, she does exude an extrovert, humorous confidence. No doubt she has needed it to play Bess Bridges. Most of the rest of the cast

have been at Stratford since February but she has just been brought in for this production, having recently been filming Dennis Potter's television series The Singing Detective, which stars Michael Gambon. Her first week at Stratford was a bit like going to university?. She could not socialize with other members of the cast in the evening because

so, "I bribed them to be my friends with a party". She greatly enjoys working with Trevor Nunn: "Trevor's very good with a company. He's wonderful on text and derful on showbusiness and puts them together." The Fair Maid of the West, which she admits is great entertainment rather than a great play, gives ample scope for both quairies. The company obviously enjoy it, "Everyone's got a good since of the play."

they were in other productions

Married to the actor and sometime comic magician. Jim Carter, who was also in Gnrs and Dolls and the Singing Detective. Imelda Staun-ton is understanding and appreciative of her fellow professionals. Her favourite actor is Michael Gambon: "He's what I think acting is about. He has the ability to think it's a bloody good laugh and be brilliant, has great respect for the piece and great disrespect."

Ten years since her first job playing Goldoni's The Misiress of the Inn at the Swan in Worcester, Imelda Staunton finds herself playing the mistress of another inn in another Swan theatre. It is a great opportunity for her to show again that she can both be brilliant and fiave a good

Andrew Hislop The Fair Maid of the West opens on Tues at the Swan. Stratford-upon-Avon (0789-295623); In repertory.

The princess and

To be, or not to be? That is the question surrounding the future of the Globe Theatre at

Despite an outright victory in the High Court earlier this year which allowed American actor/manager Sam Wanamaker to triumph over Southwark Council - they wanted to use his South Bank site for housing - the decision as to whether the theatre can actually be huilt has landed back in the council's hands. This is because Wanamaker's original planning application, to huld a reproduction of Shakes-pears theatre, ran out of time, so he has to re-apply. And Southwark Council just so happens to be the planning authority to which he has to apply. Wanamaker says the council is itself out of time and therefore the Department of the Environment will have overall responsibility for setthing the argument. I estimate it has so far cost Wanamaker. 17 years of his life, and the council£9 million — in buying the land to thwart Wanamaker among other things - to reach this impasse.

Yes, no photo

Contributing if not artistically then at least materially to the art of photography, the Duke of York will be hanging about a West End street this morning while a plaque is unveiled the wall Photographer's Gallery. Through his good offices Dr Hacking Wong, of Halina Cameras, has contributed £250,000 towards the purporary photography. Afterwards York will host a lunch for 200 at the Law Society to thank Dr Wong for his kindness, but although all cyes will be on the flamehaired Duchess there is a rigid

rule: no cameras. Don't say he doesn't explore the boundaries of art: David Hockney is currently at work using an entirely new artistic

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medium. It is the photocopier. Luce talk

With all the arty begging bowls being polished following Richard Luce's chilling statement on Arts Council cuts last week. the Medici Quartet have come up with a spiffing wheeze: after their performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on October 7 they intend to auction off the entire quartets of Beethoven. Sponsors will



Luce and Beethoven have their name attached to a particular quartet each time the Medici plays it over the next three or four years. Curiously the going rate depands on the quartet: there's a £1.500 minimum on

Op 18. but a £3.500 minimum on Op 127. The Medici's explanation is zany: "Some are more difficult than others to perform but they are serious in their intent. "We hope to raise £40.000 which will then be matched pound Pound bу Government."

Court short

In 10 days' time the English Stage Company will celchrate 30 years at the Royal Court Theatre. But for how much longer will they be there? Their lease on the Sloane Square building, perched inconveniently over a hideously noisy tube station, ends in 1990 and there are dark mutterings within the company that they should move to more contemporary (ic. chcaper) spot. The current whim is for a warehouse in fashionable Covent Garden.

Christopher Wilson

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KENSINGTON PALACE: September 19: The Prince of Wales, Commodore, Royal Yacht Thames Yacht Club. accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended the America's Cup Ball at Grosve-Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, today vis-ited Barnardo House. Barkingside, Ilford, Essex. Lieutenant-Commander Riehard Aylard, RN was in

attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 18: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, today attended the Rededication Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the occasion of its 250th anniversary in Edinburgh. His Royal Highness, who

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.J.H. Palconer Hall . and Miss J.H. Stone The engagement is announced between William John Hannay,

eldest son of the late Lieutenant-Commander J.H. Falconer Hall and of Mrs Falconer Hall, of Biddesione, Wiltshire, and Janel Hazel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Sione, of Whitchurch, Bristol Dr S.J. Hughes

and Miss S.M. Brown

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Ken and Sylvia Hughes, of Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, and Siobhan, daughter of Charles and Aase Brown, of Heath, Cardiff, Mr P.P.C. Hutton

and Miss N.M.K. Norridge The engagement is announced between Paul Pierre, only son of Mr and Mrs P.N.B. Hutton, of Canberra, Australia, and Nicola Mararetha Kate, only daughter of Mr K. Norridge, MBE, and Mrs Norridge, of Baughurst,

Mr A. Madisetti and Miss N.G. Turrell The engagement is announced

between Arun, eldest son of Mr P. Madisetti, FRCS, and Mrs T.M. Madisetti, of Wimbledon, London, and Nicole, only daughter of the late Mr LA.F.B. Turrell, of Rye. Sussex, and Mrs M. Finch, of Wimbledon, ondon.

Mr R. Packer and Miss P.A.S Russell The engagement is announced between Ronald, eldest son of

Anne Scotney, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Russell, of The Hundred House, Birdham, West Sussex.

Mr P.A. Ranger and Miss A.M. Finch

The engagement is announced between Patrick Alexander. younger son of Mr and Mrs A.J Ranger, of Andover, Hamp-shire, and Angela Marie, eldest travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

The Duchess of Kent today visited the Ford Motor Combany. Halemood and letter

pany, Halewood, and later opened the Carers Care Centre for the Wallssey Council for Voluntary Service, Merseyside. Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

sign Studios at 21 Redan Place, London, on October 2. The Princess of Wales will open

Edinburgh, on October 6. Princess Anne will attend a dinner at the Bank of England on October 6.

nied by the Hon Angus Ogivy, will visit the United States from October 22 to 28.

and Miss P-J. Heath
The marriage took place on
Saturday, August 30, in Norwich Cathedral of Mr Gary
Cole, only son of Mr and Mrs
Eric Cole, of Brierley Hill, West
Midlands, and Miss Philippa
Janet Heath, only daughter of Dr and Mrs tan Heath, of Copley Gate, Halifax, Nuptial Mass was concelebrated hy Canon Colin Beswick, Canon Claude H. Palfrey and Father Douglas Cobb.

mon Lole was best man. Mr F.A.R. Huntley and Miss R.J.K. Waldron

The marriage between Mr An drew Huntley and Miss Rachel

Waldron and Simon Waldron. The reception was held at St Andrew Undershaft

and Dr F. Vella

and Dr Fiona Vella, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs Mr and Mrs P. Packer, of Peppermint Grove, Perth, Western Australia, and Distinct Property of Peppermine Grove, Perth, Western Australia, and Distinct Property of Peppermine Grove, Perth, Western Propermine Grove, Perth, Western Prope Vella and Mr Kenneth Temple was best man.

Service reception

shire, and Angela Mane, cauda daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A Finch, of Gerrards Cross, Peter Harding, AOC-in-C, RAF Strike Command.

Opening the door on truth

about a man's attempt to escape from a room. He tries the window, the chimney and a panel leading to a secret passageway, but to no avail. But as he sits down in despair he notices that the front door has been open all the time. That is what conceptual confusion is like and nowhere more so than in the question

language. language of religion can be

The Princess of Wales will visit the Courtaulds Leisurewear De-

the new kidney dialysis unit at the West General Hospital.

A service of thanksgiving for Mr Nigel Stock will be held tomor-row at St Paul's, Covent Gar-den, at 1pm.

Marriages

Dick Lucas,
The bride was attended by
Miss JoJo Waldron, Miss
Antonia Martineau, Harriet
Best, Poppy Huntley, Rebecca

Major S.A. St J. Miller, RAMC,

Lord Brougham and Vaux

hosts at the annual Battle of Britain cocktail party held at RAF Bentley Priory. The guests included Air Chief Marshal Sir

slaughtered by one awkward that, because the meaning Wittgenstein tells a story

the text at all. But how often

the theologian or preacher

talks as if they were. Thou-

sands of sermons on the Good

Samaritan say something like:

is that we must love and care

not only for our friends but for

our enemies and the alienated

strangers, etc". To which the reply is: "If Jesus had meant

that, why didn't he say that?

Whereas he refused to give an

account of the higher ethical

doctrine which ought to

underlie social practice; he

The story is always better

than the discourse because it is

not abstract principle but

morality incarnated in per-

sons. That is why novels give

us deeper, more realistic moral teaching than the trea-

tise on utilitarianism, or any other "ism". We must not say,

of Shakespeare's play, "That's

what Julius Caesar means -

it's all about the dire con-

sequences of ambition". That

would be an insult to the

is called for when we try to

comment on the parables of the gospels - the Divine fic-

tion. The same goes for the

story of the cross and the

How much more reticence

playwright.

God, why has Thou forsaken religion if the reverse were

told a story instead.

...and so what Jesus meant

which preserves the original tism, and liberal theology -Professor Refined-Mind again - which in seeking to

"explain" the text renders it spiritless, empty of religious of the meaning of religious power. But there is a better Theologians behave as if the Meanings are not to be located "behind" or "beyond"

explained. That is a mistake generated out of hubris, a mistake which the Wittgensteinian method in philosophy immediately exposes. For religious language is a form of words — the highest form and that is why we call that sort of language "religious". It follows that if religious language can be explained, be put more plainly and better expressed, then the highest language is not that of religion but of what explains religion. That cannot be so. It is as if we were to say that what Profes-sor Refined-Mind says about the parable of The Prodigal Son is more important than St

In fact, the text must be basic. That is where all the literalists and fundamentalists stand up and applaud: but their glee is premature. For their insistence on the literal meaning of biblical texts is itself an explanation. It is therefore presumptuous. There is no sense in which religious language in general can be explained, as if the Bible were one coherent "message". It is not For the author of (say) Hebrews believes that the world is permeated by a wonderful order, the writer of Ecclesiastes sometimes sounds as bleak as Sam resurrection only, as it were, Beckett. St John gives us a more so. The Passion nartriumphant Christ on the ratives are incomparably cross who calls out, "It is more "meaningful" than any accomplished!" St Mark mere theory of the atonement records only the words "My What would it mean for

literalistic interpretation is

TODAY: Mr John Dankworth,

59; the Very Rev George Earle, SJ, 61; Mr Justice Falconer, 72;

John Whitehead, 54; Mr Fred

Winter, 60.

TOMORROW: Mr Austen
Albu, £3; Lord Barnard, 63;
Miss Shirley Conran, 54; General Sir Timothy Creasey, 63;
Miss Mary Fetherston-Dilke,
68; General Sir John Gibbon,
69; Professor J.M. Ham, 66;

Mr Jimmy Young, 63.

Service dinner

Birthdays

Winter, 60.

me?" So the comprehensive true All that is not to suggest

Luncheons

HM Government Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and the Right Rev C.C.W. James, 60; Miss Sophia Loren, 52; Sir Duncan McDonald, 65; Professor R.M.H. McMinn, 63; Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, 80; Sir David Nicolson, 64; the Right Rev Kenneth Riches, 78; Sir John Witschauf 54. Mc Eved Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the French Ambassador,

Variety Club of Great Britain Mr Harry Goodman, Chief Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Hilton botel in bonour of Mr Frank Bruno. The other speakers were Mr Eamonn Andrews, Mr Bob Bevan, Mr Harry Carpenier, Mr Alan Hoby, Mr Ron Moody and Miss Tessa

oy; Professor J.M. Ham, oo; Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones, 64; Sir Ian MacGregor, 74; Sir Peter Matthews, 64; Sir William Nield, 73; Mr P.G.D. Robbins, 53; Miss Jean Robertson, 58; Canon Graham Routledge, 59; Professor Bernard Williams, 57; Service luncheon The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment The Officers' Club of The

Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment held their ladies luncheon at Clandon Park, Surrey, yes-

Church services: Lord Brougham and Vaux entertained officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Territorial Army) and their ladies at CANTERBURY CATHERURY CATHERURY CATHERURY CATHERURY

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 2 HC: 9.30 Sung Euch and M: 10.30 Ordination of Priests and Deague. Canterbury Service IPICCOIO, Rev J A Bond: 3.18 E and Admission of Choristers (Stanford in G). Responses Smith. Blessed be the God and Falher (Wesley): 6.30 ES, Rev R I Knight. dinner in the House of Lords last night. Colonel D.S. Hall, Colonel, RAOC TA, welcomed Father (Wesley): 6.30 ES, Rev B I knight.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 2.45 HC: 10 Sung Euch. Mence Solemelle (Langlais).
O Lord increase my fath (Globons).
Canon John Tour. Chancellor: 11.50 M (Commenoration of the Battle of Estatin (Stanford in E. Brita). Solemelle of the Sattle of the Commenoration of the Battle of the Commenoration of the Commenoratio

Ball: 3.16 E I Wesley in E.), trasmae et vanae curae (Haydis). Duss Anne Long.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 2.15. 12.15 HC. 11 Ballie of Brilain Thanslogiving HC. 11 Ballie of Brilain Thanslogiving Exc. L. J. Ashton: 3 E. Howells Westmunster Service, Let all the world (Vaugham Williams). Rev. Trevor Beeson: 6.30 ES, the Dean. SOLTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC. 11 Euch. Missa Orbis Jactor (plain-songl. Beet) quorum (Stanford). O quant Bernotting E. (Washneley in Di. O dies unto the Lord (Purcell). Rev. David Adimpion.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8. 9, 12, 5.30, 7 LM: 10.30 SM. Missa Vid gecinosam (Victoria). Pheb angelica (Tippell). O sacrum convivium curererori: Sallo Missa Missa Missa Vid gecinosam (Victoria). Pheb angelica (Tippell). O sacrum convivium curererori: Sallo Missa Missa Missa Vid gecinosam (Victoria). Pheb angelica (Tippell). O sacrum convivium convivium convivium sallo S. 10, 12, 16, 5 LM: 11 HM. In Honorem Sallott Mostal. South-wart: 8. 10, 12, 16, 5 LM: 11 HM. In Honorem Sallott Josephi (Petern). Ave Verum (Mozari). Rev. Pater Cannon.

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ST CLEMENT DANES IRAF Church),
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Love halb no man (freland), Lord
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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: [1 Sung Eurh. Rev. Tom Martin. ALL SAINTS. Margaret St. W1: 8. 6.15 LM: 11HM. Missa Bel' Amfitrit

Preachers and others who text, we must leave the words think about religion often talk of scripture on a pedestal of as if there is a straight choice incomprehensibility. Nothing between fundamentalism, of the sort. But we must relearn on activity which the text but in hopeless obscuran- modern world has long since despised and rejected.

cannot be separated from the

That is, we should not seek to comprehend religious texts - again, what would it say about us if we claimed to be able to comprehend religion? - but to appropriate them. That will involve learning by heart, concentrating upon pace and rhythm, devoting ourselves to the task as "whole men wholly attending". In this way, the texts become part of us, build us, "by patience and comfort of thy holy word..." We do not comprehend them, but they

Liberal hackles rise. Why those particular texts? Why those stories and not other modern, more "enlightened" stories? To which the more modern, because they are true. True not as checkable, "verifiable" or "falsifiable" as of hypotheses and theories; but true in the sense that they sum us up, tell us what it is to be a human being in the world.

comprehend us.

When we appropriate our religious texts by heart - how revealing it is that the modern world speaks not of "by heart" but "by rote", thus fulfilling all Lawrence's dark prophecies about human life in the image of the machine -- we find that they truly describe us, search us out and know us. And we know as we are known: reader and text deep calls unto deep.

The words of our religion are true in the deepest sense that is, they are true poetry. And poetry is not a bit of prettiness tacked on to a theory about man's nature, Poetry is "language charged with meaning to the greatest possible extent". Not language that points to a meaning which is located somewhere

terday. The president, Colonel J.W. Sewell, presided,

Dinners

Royal Over-Seas League Captain John Rumhle, Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, presided at a dinner held at the Gleddoch

House Hotel, Langhank, Renfrewshire, last night. Dr Graham Hills, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Strathchyde University, was the guest of Association of Assestbetists

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland held their annual dinner at Plaisterers' Hall last night Professor Michael Rosen,

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Science report

Why sharks avoid sole for dinner

Many fish have conning ways of protecting themselves against attack by predators. Some rely on comonflage to avoid detection, and others emit toxic chemicals or give off electric shocks in response to threatened or actual attack. Some species of sole appear

to have a real belt-and-braces defence mechanism to ensure that they will not end their days on the menn of that most voracious of deep-sea predators, the shark. The Western Pacific sole,

Pardachiras paroninus, se-cretes a fluid, from glands lining the dorsal and anal fins, that contains no less than four toxic substances. Scientists in Osaka, Japan. have isolated each substance

and tested the effect of each on

half an hour when small quantities of the sole's toxic substances were added to the water in which they were One of the substances,

When the Japanese sci-33 aminoacids.

mode of action.

ists vainly believed - hut language that embodies (incarnates) the meaning. It is not a case of the Correspondence Theory of Truth but of words as icons.

else - as the Logical Positiv-

But that is something of an oversimplification: for the fact is that all explanations are in some degree stories. The much preferred modern stories, those of science, explain much: but they do not provide a language of numinous power which alone can sustain us. which alone can do justice to those half-articulated ecstasies and agonies which constitute our lives at the deepest level. Or are we to suppose that

scientific attempts to explain human personality -behaviourism for instance, intellectually discredited yet still universally taught in the academy — are to be preferred above St Paul and St Augustine? Beside the spiritual insights of those witnesses, what is scientific psychology, stimulus/response, operant conditioning and the empty organism" except a "tale told an idiot signifying nothing".

Religious, spiritual meaning and true psychology — how it is with humankind - are to be discovered and appropriated in the religious culture of the Christian epoch. All those paintings, the music of Bach and Mozart, the literary tradition of the West which is variations on the biblical theme of suffering and hope that is where meaning is to be found, teased out in fear and trembling. It is all so accessible. Even in those disjointed times there is a Bible in most homes. We are lucky to find that,

heyond all the glih "explanations", the stuff that can really nourish us is still intact. As W.H. Auden once said. "Why spit on our luck?"

Peter Mullen Vicar of Tockwith, North Yorkshire

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Christopher Robert Chope, MP for Southampton Itchen, to be a partiamentary under-secretary of state in the Department of the Environment. Canon Professor John Bowker, Dean of Trinity College, Cam-bridge, to be president of Chris-tian Action on AIDS; Mr Barnaby Mila, a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, to be chair-

man of its council. Mr Brian Rawlins, aged 50, director of public relations at Keele University, to be chairman of the Standing Conference of University Information Officers for 1986/87.

Latest wills

Lydia Fanny Matthews, of Croce combined a life racing Ossett, West Yorkshire, left boats of all classes at the estate valued at £1,475,233 net.
Action is being taken in the
High Court concerning the
validity of the will.

Harwood in A), if any man will foliow (Thaibers-Baill, Give us the wings of Jaith (Bullock), Rev David Burton Evans.

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Our Lady of Loreto (Goller). Salve Regina (Moorali OUR LADY OF VICTORIES. Kensington High SI: 2, 9, 10, 12,30, 5,50 LM: 11-HM. Mass for 4 voices (Byrd). Sacerdoles Domini Elyrdi: 3 Chaldean Rile. 10.30 Sung Euch. Missa Dies Sanctificatus Opiaistrina), 6 E (Wood In O). Cive us the wings of faith (Bullock). Chelses: 2, 12.15 HC. ST LUKE'S. Chelses: 2, 12.15 HC. ST LUKE'S. Chelses: 3, 12.15 HC. Strain Euche, Rev. N. Weit. 6.20 E laith (Bullock). Rev. N. Weit. ST MARCARET'S. Westminster: HC 2,15.12 IS. 11 M and Sermon. Canon Trevor Besson. ST MARTINET PHILIP Chelses. 11.30 Rev. Philip Chelses. 11.30 Rev. Philip Chelses. 12.46 Chilnese Service: 4.15 E: 6.30 Evening Prayer. Canon John Cox. ST MARY ABBOTS. Kensington: 2, 12.30 MC: 9.30 Song Euch, the Vicar: 15.64 M. Rev. S H H Actand: 6.30 E. ST MC-14.14 H.M. Missas in F. (Caldara). In spiritu humilitata (Crocy). Ave verum corpus (Milam). Fr. John Fosser: 6.15 Evengong and Solemn Benediction. ST MC-14.4E. S. Chelser Sq. 8.15 HC. 11. Parish Communical Rev. D C L. Prior: 790 internal E8.

By Dorothy Bonn

another species of fish, the injure or kill would-be pred-killifish. The latter died within ators, that might not happen swimming.

pavoninin, belongs to the class of toxic chemicals known as glycosides, which include a number of plant poisons, such as digitalis. The other three, called pardaxins, are simple protein-like substances (pep-tides), consisting of a chain of

One remarkable feature of pardaxins is that they are very similar to mellitin, the active constituent of bee venom, in both physical properties and

Though such poisons will

before the sole is itself harmed. In those circumstances deterrence is clearly better than punishment, and the sole's defence system protects the fish effectively by warning off hungry sharks before they have a chance to take a bite.

entists injected a small amount of pardaxin solution into the mouth of a docile shark, the shark became very agitated and tried to escape. By contrast, harmless solutions had no such effect.

A gulp of the pavonininperdayin cocktail served up hy the sole will certainly make sure that any unwanted visitors will quickly lose their appetite.

OBITUARY

air transport. But a striking

aspect of his career, which few

of his fellow officers shared,

was his knowledge and experi-

Alfred Conrad Collier was

born at Randwick, New South

Wales, on November 16.

1895, but was educated in this

country privately and at Sherborne School. He was

commissioned in the Royal

ancashire Regiment in 1914.

He went to France in Au-

prisoner. During his captivity

Russians.

German

world.

organized the 1960 Olympic

regatta at Naples, and also led

the first italian challenge for

the America's Cup at New-port, Rhode Island, in 1983.

Andrea Giuseppe Emilio

Croce was born in Genoa on

December 11, 1914. At nine

he received the present of his

first boat, an international 12-

foot dinghy. This whetted an

appetite for competition which was to lead him through

international 5.5-metre, 6-me-

tre and One Ton competi-

tions, to the 6-metre

Olympic regatta at Torquay. He was also active in off-

shore and ocean racing, and

sailed three times in the

Fastnet race, as well as partici-

pating in the Bermuda and

Transpacifie races. In 1966 he became vice-

president of the IYRU, and in

1969 succeeded Sir Peter Scott

as its president. His leadership

led to a period of expansion

more vigorous than any which

had occurred since the IYRU's inception in 1907. His enthusiasm did much for am-

he made his first contacts with

late in 1922 and, after an

interlude at home, on intelli-

gence duties and squadron work, was appointed air advis-

er to the Estonian Army in the

summer of 1928. He studied

Estonian and later acquired

complete fluency in Russian.

in which he became a first-

class interpreter, as also in

In 1931 he took the RAF

Staff College course, and in

1934 was given command of No.12 (Bomber) Squadron.

But his knowledge of East-

ern Europe took him away again, and in December 1934

he went to Moscow as air

attaché. Then as now, working

in the Russian capital was no

easy task, but Collier was

He returned to the Air Ministry in 1937 and when

war came was deputy director

of plans. At the beginning of

1940 he was in France as

senior air staff officer to the

Advanced Air Striking Force,

and after the fall of France

more successful than most.

ence of Russia.

SIR CONRAD COLLIER

Air transport and work in Russia

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Con- Air Ministry. But in the rad Collier, KCB, CBE, died summer of 1941 he was back. again in Moscow as the RAF on September 16. He was 90. In the latter part of his service member of the military mission to the USSR. in the RAF, and for a short No more suitable officer period after 1946, he was could have been found, hutprominently associated with even so there was never a very.

> opposite numbers. In April 1942 he was posted to air headquarters in India, thus escaping the worst Russian clamour for a Second Front. In November 1943 he re- . turned to England as Deputy AOC-in-C of Transport Command, which had developed. out of Ferry Command and was now learning the new tasks imposed by modern war.

happy understanding with his

hut the following year trans-ferred to the Royal Flying Though the command had to rely mainly on American aireraft, its importance was recgust 1915 and two months later was forced down behind ognized by the Chiefs of Staff. and with Lend-Lease help its. development was rapid. Colthe enemy lines and taken lier remained as Deputy AOCin-C until the end of the war. His last RAF appointment was in February 1946, when

Repatriated at the end of the he was given command of... No.3 Group, Bomber Com-mand, But almost immediatewar, he was sent to Northern Russia in May 1919, and operated from Penaga. After ly it was announced that he that hrief episode he returned to normal squadron duty with was leaving the service to become director-general (later a permanent commission, but controller) of technical serwent out to Central Europe in 1920, serving on the control vices in the Ministry of Civil commission in Austria and Aviation. It was an appointment for later in Hungary. He came back to England

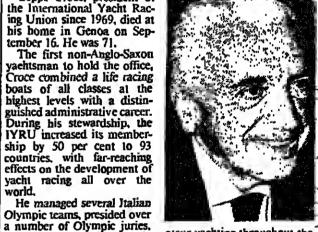
which his experience at Transport Command fitted him well, and again, making the best use of largely American. equipment, he contributed ably to the struggling recreation of post-war civil aviation. But differences arose on " policy matters and, in February 1948, he tendered his resignation to the minister. Lord Naihan, Later be became chief executive of the guided weapons division of English Electric Aviation Ltd. but retired in 1960.

As well as his British decorations he held a number of fureign awards, including the French Legion of Honuur and the Crotx de Guerre, the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau, and the Czech Order of the White Lion. For a time he was a DL of Kent

He was a man of quiet competence: friendly and polite, if a little reserved. He married, first, Mary

Luis, who died in 1961. They had two sons and a daughter. In 1963 he married Kathleen returned briefly to posts in the Donaghy, who survives him.

BEPPE CROCE Beppe Croce, president of



ateur yachting throughout the world, and particularly encouraged it in developing. countries

In the Olympie sphere his talents as a diplomat were invaluable in reconciling international differences, as the Games became increasingly political Croce was copiously

honoured, but of all his achievements, racing or organizing, the one he liked to say he most valued was his victory in the Contomiglia race on international class in the 1948 * Lake Garda in 1964. After a stormy night, which strewed the surface of the lake with masts, spars and damaged. rudders, his boat led home the three contestants surviving out of an entry of fifty. A man of true Genoese

temper, rather reserved, hostile to rhetorie or exaggeration, he lived for sailing and always counted his days under canvas the happiest of his He leaves a widow,

Umberta, two sons and a

In 1970 he made his first

professional stage appearance

in Mustapha Matura's Black

theatre roles, most recently in

BBC television's five-part dra-

ALFRED FAGON performing in John Bull for ... Alfred Fagon, who died of a

heart attack on August 29, at the age of 49, was a remarkable actor and, in his work as a playwright, an influential exponent of black writing in this country.

theme the relationship be-tween the cultures of the English and Caribbean peoples, their friendships and conflicts. He was born in Clarendon, Jamaica, on June 25, 1937, into a large and close family of

eight brothers and two sisters.

He left school at 13 and worked with his father as a cultivator on their orange plantation. In 1955 he came to England. where he worked on the railways in Nottingham. He

joined the Army in 1958, serving for four years and becoming middleweight boxing champion in the Royal Corps of Signals.

On leaving the Army he travelled around England, singing calypso and taking extra work in television prior

Pieces at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Thereafter he appeared in many His plays take as their television. film, radio and

HTV in 1969.

ma series, Fighting Back. His plays include 11 Josephine House at the Almost Free Theatre 1972; Shakespeare Country, BBC2; No Soldiers in Si Pauls, Metro Club, 1974; Death of a Black Man, Foco Novo Theatre Company and Hampstead Theatre 1975; Four Hundred Pounds. Foco Novo and The .

Royal Court, 1983; Lonely

Cauboy. The Tricycle, 1985. At the time of his death he . had completed a series of poems called Waternrell. He lived a simple and spartan life, dedicated to his work and writing but to his

his close friends reavled great exuberance and energy. Though never married, he had a daughter, of whom he

to researching, writing and was very fond.

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BIRTHS BEGG On September 15th, at Heatherwood Houstal, Ascot. to Sally mee Stewart) and Alan, a son. Henry Stewart, a prother for Jopathan.

Jonathan.

BISHOP - Gn September 11th. at St
Thomas' Hospital. to Anthea Inee
Titzcy) and Christopher. Iwan daughiers Lutre Henrietta Marie and
Gabrielle Susanna Marie, sisters to
Charles and Hugo
BROWN - On September 19th. to
Claire Inée Mithel and Harry. In
Johannesburg. South Africa. a
daughler, Julie.
HIRESHOPY - On September 17th. to

GARMORIC, Juite.

RUREURY : On September 17th, to
Caroline and Michael, a son.

GARMOCK : On September 18th,
1956, to Dana, wife of Viscount
Garnet a dambler. Gunock, a daugnier. Gai nock, a daugnier EDGLEY-PYSHORN - On September 19th, 1986, to Penny and Michael, a daughler, Charlatle Alexandra.

duabler, Charlette Agranda Harper On July 29th, at San Anto-nio, Texas, to Ann Inde Vandeventer) and Michael, a daughter. Helen, a hill lister to Charlotte, Tristram and Felicity BINT On September 5th, 1986, to Mathew and Alson, o boy, Edward Mathew and Alson, o boy, Edward peler William.
JONES On September 11th, to Carol time Rowling) and Martin, a daughter, Chior Louise.
RINDEESLEY On September 18th, to Huary and Christian, a daughter.
MONEY - On September, 18th to Sally one Staples) and John Kyrle, a son. Oitter, a brother for Kale, Trishi and John.

Jory TEVERSON On September 18th, to Joseph Ince Gore-Books and Poss, a

TEVERSON On September 18th, to Joseph Ince Gore-Booth) and Poul, a daughter. Cathryn Frances.
TREMARNE On Scolember 18th, to Terez ince Titlell) and tan, a son, Mark John LLoyd.

Princess Alexandra, accompa

Mr G. Cole and Miss P.J. Heath

The bride was attended by Pamela Titus, Isobel Wilson, Lesley Cole, Oliver Antrobus and Sammy Antrobus. Mr Si-

Waldron took place on August 30 at St Heten's, Bishopsgate, Canon Michael Wilson officiated, assisted by Prebendary

The marriage took place on September 13, in Westminster Cathedral of Major Simon Miller, son of Brigadier Aubrey Miller and the late Mrs Miller,

RAF Beatley Priory Air Vice-Marshal M.J.D. Stear, Air Officer Commanding, No 11 Group, and Mrs Stear were

ADOPTIONS

MARRIAGES

ANNIVERSARIES

(HOMPSON - On September 16th, at Si Goerge's Hospital. In Elizabeth Ince Roth) and Benjamin. a son, Maximilitan Hugh Benjamin. TURNER - On September 19th, a Clare and Philip Turner, a daughter a sister for Louise and Mary. WORTHNATON - On September 11th. 1986. to Gwen and Chris, a son, John. a brother for Ben.

MOTYER - By Stephen and Valerie, of The Rectory. Albury. Herts, a daugh-ter. Clare Joanna Holty. a sister for Geoffrey and Robert.

BAYLY: 20NES - The marriage toos, place on September 18th, at St Peter's Church, Dorchester, between Richard, von of Mr and Mrs E H Bayly, of Sheepstor, Devon, and Lea, daughter of Mr and Mrs J E Jones, of Dorchester.

MARSTON: SCOTT - The marriage took place on September 13th, 1986, at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Barrion Turf, between Hugh Marston, son of Dr M S Marston and Mrs E M Marston and Philippa Scott, daughter of Mr and Mrs Justin Scott, was son; NEAL On September 17th.

DEATHS

DAVIES Peacefully on 18th September at Bronglast Hospital Hospital Abertyslwyth, Dr Elwyn, of 4 Trefor Rd. Abertyslwyth, Dr Elwyn, of 4 Trefor Rd. Abertyslwyth, President of the National Library of Wales and lormer Permahen! Secretary, Welsh Departmen!, Ministry of Education, Beloved Husband of the late Margaret, Funeral service at Capel Newydd. LLandello, Nr Dyfod, Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm. Family flowers only.

daughter of Nr and Ms Josean Scheller, Ms. Solt : MEAL - On September 17th, at Uxbridge. Dr David Wilson, elder son of Captain and Mrs Robert Wilson of Whyteleafe, to Miss Linda Neal, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Neal, of Uxbridge. COLDEN

CANTER - On September 18th, in Ep-som Hospital, after a short illness, Edith, aged 80, or 11 Birdshill, Road, Oxsholt. Darling wife of 52 years of George, She will be sorely missed. No flowers piecse. Service at Randalis Park Crematorium, Leutherhead on Thursday September 25th at 2,30pm Park Crematorium, scalars and park Crematorium, scalars and collier. On 16th September, peacefully in Poole after a short linees. Air vice Marshal Sir Contrad Collier. K.C.B. C.B.E., aged 90. Beloved husband of Kathleen and of Mary increased 1961), dear faither of John. Peter and Espeth (deceased 1976), brother of Mary's and a devoted grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at the Church of the Holy Angels, Lilliput, Poole on Tuesday 23rd September at 12 noon lollowed by cremation at Pool Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations U desired, for the League of Friends, Poole General Hospital, may be sent to Tapper Funcyal Service, 32-34 Parkstone Rd. Poole.

DAVIES. Peaccfully on 18th September.

DOUGLAS - On September 15th, 1986.
Gertrude Marie (formerly Brookes), peacefully after a short filness, aged 82 years, of West Street, Warwick.
Requiern Maris, at St Joseph's Chinch, Whilassh, Leamington Spa. on Friday, September 25th, at 3.30pm, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood Crematorium; reception on Thursday September 25th, at 5pm, Family flowers only piecsa, donalitons if desired, to Myton Hamlet Hospice, Myton Rd, Warwick.

the guests.

EDWARDS On September 18th, peacefully at home, Liffa Adelaide of Richmond, Surrey, adored wife of Desmond, Crettation will take place at Mortilate Crematorium at 2.30pm on September 26th, Flowers may be ELLIOTY. Dr Stuart Dunemore - On Wednesday, September 17th, 1986, suddenly in Cambridge. Talented and highly respected Fellow of Corpus Christi College. Cambridge. Futneral Service at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, on Friday, September 26th, at 10.45sm, to be followed by cremation

be followed by cremation

GREFFITM On September 18th, peacefully. 5 days after their Golden
Wedding, Rooston Harting, beloved
husband of Freda. Cremation Service to take place at the Woodvale
Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday 25th September, at 2.30pm,
Family flowers only, but donations if
desired, to the Swedenborg Society.

c/o Cooper & Sons Funeral Service.

22 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex,
Tel (0273) 478667 / Ucidield 3763.

NARMER - On September 17th, at home, Cyril, dearly loved husband. Pather and grandfather. Funeral private.

MART - peacyfully on September 18th.

1986, iris (wife of the late R. G. Hart.

Uganda Cotonial Service). No flowers. Cremation private.

NURBARD - Naomi Day Hurtant.

D.Phil, late of Lady Margaret Hall.

Oxford. Died 29th August. 1986.

after a short filmes.

atter a short timess.

LOEWERSTED! On September 18th, 1986, in London, Princess Henriette zu, aget 78 years, efter a long times, most courageously borne, fortified by the Rites of Holy Church, R.I.P., Requiem Mass, Holy Cross Church, Ashington Rd. London SW6, at noon on Thursday, Sebtember 25th, Private burial thereefter, Flowers to the church. SCOTT - On September 17th, 1986, at Henley-on-Thamea, Ian Walter, aged 73 years, loved husbard of Anne Mary. Functal at Sacred Heart Church. Henley-on-Thames, on Wednesday, September 24th, at 10.50am, Flowers to Tomatin & Sons, Henley.

PHOMAS On September 18th. 1986, peacefully at Hindhead. Mary (Mamie) Georgina Thomas, aged 91 years, Betoved wife of the late Brigader William Thomas, loving mother of Swinjon and grandmother of Melissa and Dominic. Requiem Mass at St. Anselm's Church. Beacon Hill. at 11.15am, on Wednesday, September 24th, Flowers to Gould & Chapman Grayshott. Startey.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

WHITE A E · On September 20th, 1967. Arthur Edward, so dearly loved husband and father. Also Milli-cent his wife. July 30th. 1977.

Howe to meet Tambo today

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will meet Mr Oliver Tambo, acting head of the outlawed African National Congress, at Chevening, his official residence in Kent,

The meeting, announced yesterday, was immediately condemned as "appalling" and "disgraceful" by Conservative right-wingers who are to meet next week to decide on a response.

In the past the Government had always refused to meet the ANC until it renounced the use of violence.

In June the Government softened its line when Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Foreign Office Minister of State, became the first British minister to meet Mr Tambo. But two months ago ANC leaders re-fused to meet Sir Geoffrey in Lusaka during his EEC mission to southern Africa.

Today's meeting has come about after statements by Mr Tambo at the Non-Aligned summit io Harare last month to the effect that he would be happy to meet Sir Geoffrey provided it was oot in the context of that mission.

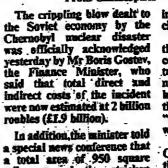
Officially the invitation has is saying that he still wishes to hear from as wide a range of opinion within South Africa

But the meeting has enraged Tory right-wingers. Mr John Carlisle, the MP for Luton North, said yesterday: "It is disgraceful that the British Foreign Secretary should demean himself by talking to members of a terrorist organization."

However, Mr Hugh Dykes, the moderate MP for Harrow East and founder member of Conservatives for Fuodameotal Reform in South Africa, said he was delighted about the meeting.

· Sir Geoffrey is to stop for talks with the Governor and senior officials in Hong Kong oext month on his way to China for the Queen's visit.

Russians count the ruinous cost of Chernobyl



a special news conference that a total area of 950 square miles around the stricken reactor had been declared unfit for anything but the decontamination work now being carried out by special squads of soldiers assisted by volunteers from all parts of the Soviet Union. These workers were receiving twice their normal wage in lieu of danger шовсу.

Due to the large amounts of compensation needed to assist some 135,000 evacaees who had lost both their homes and most of their possessions, plus ancillary costs including the construction of thousands of new homes. Mr Gostev disclosed that the state had alread paid 500 million roubles (2466 million) from the budget, and a further 100 million roubles from its insurance organization. "And we are still spending", the min-The high costs of the

saster - which are continudisaster — which are continu-ing to rise daily as the large clean-up operation continues — plus the slump in the world price of oil are hlamed by Western experts for the Soviet Union's current dire shortage of hard currency.

This has caused new short-ages of consumer products because it has reduced the ability to buy-in from abroad. For the first time, Mr Gostev and four other leading Soviet officials spelt out in detail the enormous size of the detail the enormous size of the rescue operation, which includes a follow-up medical programme for all the evacuees being carried out by a medical team of 5,000 Soviet physicians backed by a forther 9,000 paramedics.

According to the Minister, who has borne much of the personal responsibility for finding the funds to cope with the disaster, all the evacuees have now been found new jobs. Every family focced to flee will be given a free home or first and a new commission has been established to adjudicate

Questioned about whether the Kremlin intended to pay compensation to foreign countries for damage caused by the nuclear fallout. Mr Gostev hinted strongly thet although

the matter was still being "debated", the final answer Organization has already said that no significant damage was

that no significant damage was caused to people in other countries," he replied.

Mr Oleg Shchepin, a First Deputy Minister of Health, said that the death toll from the diaster remained at 31, with 11 of the 2,000 people initially admitted to hospitals

still there. He claimed that the Sovie anthorities did not expect any further admissions from radiation sickness, but pointedly avoided any reference to the

WHO to establish accident service Copenhagen (Reuter) - The World Health Organization (WHO) is to set up a European information service for nuclear accidents in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster. It is also to seek ways of improving international co-ordination to

limit effects of radioactive will study fallout's effects oo health.

fears expressed in the West that thousands of long-term cancer deaths may result from

THE HAGUE: The Dutch Government has decided to postpone until 1988 a decision on whether to build more nuclear power plants in the wake of Chemobyl (AP

reports).
Mr Ed Nüpels, the Environment Minister, told the Dutch Parliament's standing committee on the environment this week that the postpo ment move had been made because the Government wanted to await the outcome of a number of official inquiries set up after the disaster.

The postponement marks another episode in the centing ing debate between the centre-right coalition Government of Mr Rand Labbers and a oncestrong anti-nuclear lobby, which flared in again after the Chernobyl accident.
Chernobyl inquest, page 8

Tough line by Reagan on Daniloff

Continued from page 1

missile warheads, and will iostead propose a reduction closer to 30 per cent. The move would significantly close the gap between the US and Soviet positions on ballistic missile warheads.

The Shultz-Shevardnadze

The Shultz-Shevardnadze talks are not expected to produce a firm date for any summit meeting between Mr Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, in Washington later this year. They are focussing on each country's arms control proposals, as well as disagreeposals, as well as disagree-ments on human rights issues and regional disputes like Afghanistan, with the aim of determining in principle if a summit would be fruitfal.

Mr Shuitz had made it clear that he would begin his talk-

that he would begin his talks with Mr Shevardnadze by demanding the early and un-conditional release of Mr Daniloff, Moscow correspondent of US News & World Report, who was arrested on August 30 and later charged with espionage. The Administration main-

tains that he was picked up io direct retaliation for the arrest last month of Mr Gennady Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations secretariat, who has been charged in New York with

spying.
Mr Shevardnadze warned blundy on arrival at Andrews Air Force base on Thursday that years of "confrontation and dangerous contentioo" might lie ahead if Washingtoo and Moscow failed to make headway in the sessions.

MOSCOW The official soviet government newspaper Ispestia last night launched a bitter personal attack on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, for his comparison of the KGB's arrest of Mr Daniloff with the ouclear disaster at Chernobyl (Christopher Walker writes).

by Sir Geoffrey's obervation during a visit to Washington last week that the arrest of Mr Daniloff, which both British and American officials and American officials here are convinced was "set up", was "a kind of moral Chernobyl which risks poison-ing the whole field of East-West-relations".

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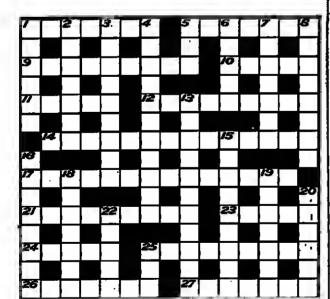
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,156 A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first of three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, I Virginia Street, London, EI 9XN. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs A Boys-Strong, Randle House, Corbridge, Northumberland; Mr M Fairbairn, Elder Cottages, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton, Somerset; Dr J Mackay, The Old Post Office, Tormarton,

Name. Address.



- ACROSS ' t By accident, left somewhere in church (7).
- 5 Keep right away from witness (7).
- 9 Confuse a girl with more rambling talk (9). 10 Soft drink without fruit (5).
- 11 Round gold coio (5). 12 Ĥappy-go-lucky midship-man on his way (4-5).
- 14 Win no matter what palindromes do (4,2,4,4).
- 17 Whet 15 has, in financial
- terms (6,8). 21 Plead with plant to yield (9).
- 23 Put down a foundation (5). 24 Helped, investing money once in a fresh idea (5).
- 25 Many cheat in the prelimi-nary stages of bridge game
- 26 Serious art making money 27 Rats escape (3,4).

- 1 Box in Sydney (6). 2 Garble a translation, using letters instead of figures (7)
- Plan the water supply for Churchill's home (9). 4 Most rambling, common plant (11).
- Poem due for recitation (3). 6 The second archbishop to use abusive language (5). 7 Knock-down price a pound

for a model (7).

- 8 The work I put in points to pep (8). 13 Who gets half drunk to appearance?
- (4.3.4). 15 Plant seller - the man has a catalogue (9). 16 Like Hook, for instance, us-
- ing his head (8). Fighter man to adore? No. no, not 'e! (7). 19 Pig. devouring fish and fowl
- 20 Woolly animal (6). 22 Crest - bird has part missing (5).
- 25 Lay a girl (3). Concise Crossword, page 17

on to Puzzle No 17,155 | Today's events

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales visits the Moorcock and District Agri-cultural Society's annual show, Mossdale, N Yorkshire, 12.25. Last chance to see

1820-1929; The Fine Art Society, 12 Great King St. Edin burgh, 10 to 1. History of Dudley James's Rd. Dudley, 10 to 5.

Music Concert by The Cathedral Singers and Orchestra; Liverpool Cathedral, 7.30. Concert by the English String Orchestra: Tenkesbury Abbey,

Concert by the Academy of St Olave's, St Olave's, Marygate Concert by the Wells Sinfonietta and Anna Markland (piano); Wells Cathodral, 7.30. General

Severn Valley Railway Enthu-siasts Weekend: Bewdley Rail-way Station, Wores, today and morrow 10 to 6. Sheffield Festival: Craft Day. Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 10 to 5; Little Mesters Day, Leadmille Arts Centre, 11; Railway Modelling exhibition and display, Science and Technology Library, Central Library, 10 to Library, Central Library, 10 to 5: Fayre, High Green Training Centre, Westwood Rd, 2. Antiquarian Bookdealers Fair, Guildhall, Winchester, 10

American Civil War Week-end; The American Museum in Britain, Claverton Manor, Bath, today and tomorrow 2 to 5. Armageddon '86; The Hexa-gon, Queen's Walk, Reading, today and tomorrow 10.30 to 5.

Tomorrow

Music

Last chance to see Retrospective work of John Bellany: Scottish National Gal-lery of Modern Art, Belford Rd, Edisburgh, 2 to 5.

Break in the Seal: photo-graphs of Handsworth, Bir-mingham and New York, USA; by Vanley Burke and Pogus Caesar, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Jordan Well, Coventry. 2 to 5.

entry, 2 to 5.
Energy World; Shenley Lodge, Watting St. Milton Keynes, 10 to 6.
Drawings by Welsh Artists 1900-1960; National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, 2.30 to 5.
Scotland and India; National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 2 to 5.
Minesic

Guitar recital by Carlos Paredes, Linisa Maria Amara and Simon Wynberg; Shotover House, Wheatley, Oxon, 7.30. Merrie England: Concert by the Mozart Orchestra and Choir: Clarendon Suite, Edg-baston, Birmingham, 7.45. Concert by the Schubert Ensemble of London; Fermoy Centre, King's Lynn, Norfelk, 3. Recital by the Alexandra Trio; Brune Park School, Mili-tary Rd. Gosport, 7.30.

General Autumn Craft Fair: Meadow bank Inn. Arbroath, 11 to 5. North Wales Music Festival, Asaph, Clwyd, today uzol Sept 27; for further details tel: (0745) 584508.

Gardens open

TODAY AND OTHER DAYS.
Abardometric Kildhuneny Castle Gardens, by Alford; 18th 5 of Huntly on W of A57; gendens made in a quarry; the water

At Home: Scottish Interiors

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Hesspathre: Mit Court, 3m NE of Alton on Siste of A31; turn off lamsedsety after crossing filter Wey; medum sized garden; herbecoous, roses, clematis, autum colour, rare weeping beach; also open Sunday Sept 28; 2.30 to 8.

Devem Vicaria Head, Heyes Lane, East Budleigh, 2m N of Budleigh Salternor, 31/acres, many rare and unusual plants, hosses and four restional collections; 2 to 6.

Anniversaries

Upten Sinclair, novelist, was born at Baltimore, Maryland,

Deaths: Jacob Grissan, phil-ologist and collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1863; Jean St-belius, Járvenpää, Finland, 1957; George Seferis, poet, No-bel laureate 1963, Athens, 1971. TOMORROW

Births: Glrole preacher and martyr, Ferrara, 1452; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface of that name Ayr. 1756; Sir Edmund Goese, critic. London, 1849; H G

Wells. Bromley, Kent, 1866; Gostav Holst, Cheltenham, 1874. 1874.
Deaths: Virgil, Brundisium,
(Brindisi), 19BC; Edward II,
reigned 1307-27, murdered
Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire, 1327; Sir Walter Scott,
Abbotsford, Roxburgh, 1832;
Arthar Schopenhauer, philosopher, Frankfert, 1860.
Gold standard abandoned,
1031

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 27 (A606) and 26 (A38); no normboard entry at junction 27. ME-Contraflow between junction 4 (Edgware) and 5 (A41). Beroingham. M42: Lane closures between junction 3 (Reddiich) and 4 (Straford).

Wales and West M4: Resurfacing work easibound between function 18 (Cains) and 17 (Chappenham). M5: Various lane closums and restrictions between function 22 (ASS) and 25 (Wellington). A3th Traffic restrictions at various locations between Okehampton and Launceston and Okehampton and Launceston.

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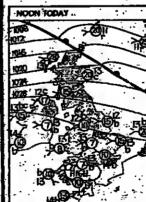
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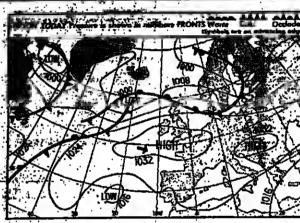
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